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Terry's North American Energy Access Act Passes House

WASHINGTON - Today, the House of Representatives passed Congressman Lee Terry's North American Energy Access Act (HR 3548). The North American Energy Access Act is legislation that transfers permitting approval authority over the Keystone XL Pipeline to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Act enables construction to begin on the non-Nebraskan portion of the pipeline, while an acceptable route through Nebraska is decided upon.

The North American Energy Access Act was a provision embedded in HR 3408, the PIONEERS Act (Protecting Investment in Oil Shale – the Next Generation of Environmental, Energy, and Resource Security Act). The PIONEERS Act – introduced by Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals Chairman Doug Lamborn (CO-05), allows the production of 1.5 trillion barrels of U.S. oil shale, holding several provisions easing domestic energy production. Today, HR 3408 passed the House by a vote of 237 to 187.

"This is the second, and hopefully final time that the House has to pass my legislation – authorizing the Keystone XL Pipeline. With this vote, the House has made it clear that we want to put Americans to work developing North American energy resources.

"We are a country that can stand on our own feet – by utilizing the resources under American

soil, and the secure resources of our trusted northern neighbor. We don't want to continue relying on politically oppressive and environmentally reckless nations like Venezuela for our energy needs," said Terry.