WASHINGTON — The Obama administration would be forced to make a call on the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days, under legislation unveiled Wednesday by a group of Republican senators.

The bill would require the pipeline's federal permit to recognize an alternative route, approved by the State of Nebraska, that would avoid the Sand Hills. The company building the pipeline, TransCanada Inc., agreed to reroute the pipeline around that ecologically sensitive area of the state after running into a firestorm of objections from Nebraskans on both sides of the aisle.

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