

**State of play:** [House Republicans will step up their attacks Friday on the Obama administration's decision to \*\*delay action on the proposed Keystone XL oil sands pipeline\*\*](#) until after the 2012 elections.

A House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on the proposed Alberta-to-Texas pipeline will cap several days of attacks on both sides of Capitol Hill. (See our coverage [here](#) ,  
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Republicans, seeking to exploit a split in President Obama's political base, have called several union officials that support the project to testify Friday.

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