FUEL FIX – "Lawmakers Seek to Undo Pipeline"

WASHINGTON – Congressional supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline are exploring legislation that might circumvent the Obama administration's denial of a permit for the project by letting Congress or an independent federal agency approve it.

United after the State Department denied the permit Wednesday, Republicans in both chambers vowed they would push proposals to force approval of the pipeline.

"All options are on the table," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters. "This fight is not going to go away."

Stand-alone proposals would face tough odds in the Democratic-held Senate.

But Boehner pointed to certain "legislative vehicles that we'll be moving." He didn't rule out tying the proposals to a bill further extending the payroll tax break and unemployment benefits.

Republicans have used that tactic before to boost TransCanada Corp.'s proposed tar-sands oil pipeline from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries.

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