Republicans seek legislation to force a pipeline decision

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BALTIMORE - Congressional Republicans are eying legislative vehicles to circumvent the Obama administration's decision to delay fast-tracking construction of the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline.

"We will continue to pursue this at every angle," Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said Friday at the annual House Republican retreat where lawmakers gathered to map out policy and political strategy for 2012.

Congressional Republicans are in broad support of the 1,700-mile proposed pipeline from Canada to Texas as a jobs creator. They estimate that as many as 20,000 jobs could be tied to the manufacturing and construction of the pipeline.

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