

House approves Terry's pipeline proposal

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WASHINGTON — The House approved language Thursday that would force approval of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

The proposal, from Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., would strip authority over the project from the State Department and President Barack Obama and give it to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

It also requires FERC to approve the pipeline within 30 days, while carving out an exemption for the portion that would run through Nebraska. Terry's bill was rolled into broader energy legislation that passed 237-187. All House members from Nebraska and western Iowa voted for it.

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