Senate to vote on Keystone XL, drilling amendments to highway bill

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Two measures pertaining to a federal permit for the Keystone XL pipeline are among those that will get votes Thursday as amendments to sweeping transportation legislation, under an agreement reached between Senate leaders late Wednesday night, said Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

One amendment from Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., would reverse the Obama administration's denial of a permit on Jan. 18 and approve the border-crossing pipeline using Congress' powers under the commerce clause of the Constitution. But another amendment unveiled Wednesday by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., that seeks to speed up a new Keystone XL application's review without circumventing any required environmental studies, will get a vote alongside the Hoeven amendment.

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