

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate that American taxpayers should receive full value from oil and gas produced on Federal land and that waste from that production should be minimized.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WYDEN

Viz:

1 After section 2, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . FINDINGS; SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

4 (1) the oil and gas found on Federal land is a
5 national resource that belongs to the American pub-
6 lic;

7 (2) the Government Accountability Office has
8 found that significant volumes of public resources
9 are wasted unnecessarily through the venting, flar-
10 ing, and leaking of natural gas in the production of
11 oil and gas on Federal land;

1 (3) the Government Accountability Office has
2 found that approximately 40 percent of that vented,
3 flared, and leaked natural gas is economically recov-
4 erable with available technologies;

5 (4) the Department of the Interior does not, in
6 general, require royalties to be paid on vented,
7 flared, and leaked natural gas from oil and gas pro-
8 duction on Federal land;

9 (5) the Government Accountability Office has
10 estimated that about \$23,000,000 in revenue is lost
11 annually because of royalties not paid to the Federal
12 Government on vented, flared, and leaked natural
13 gas; and

14 (6) methane is a greenhouse gas 86 times more
15 potent than carbon dioxide when measured over a
16 20-year period.

17 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
18 Senate that—

19 (1) the oil and gas produced on Federal land
20 should be produced with minimal waste and air pol-
21 lution; and

22 (2) taxpayers should receive full value for the
23 use of public oil and gas resources.