2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 113

January 18, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives SPIROS, KUGLITSCH, ARMSTRONG, DRAKE, EDMING, GUNDRUM, MILROY, MOSES, PLUMER, SCHRAA, THIESFELDT and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators BRADLEY, BALLWEG, NASS and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing the importance of oil and natural gas pipelines for Wisconsin and its economy.

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin relies on, and will continue to rely on for many years, natural gas, gasoline, diesel jet fuel, and other products, and in order to fuel our economy, the State of Wisconsin will need more natural gas and oil while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, pipelines transport energy safely through energy highways, taking natural gas, oil, and petroleum products over vast distances from often remote locations to the populated places where we need the products; and

Whereas, 97 percent of the Canadian natural gas and oil used in the United States is delivered by pipelines, and in the U.S., pipelines deliver 66 percent of crude oil and refined products and almost all natural gas; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s agriculture industry is an economic driver, contributing $104.8 billion annually to the state’s economy in 2017 and supporting 435,700 jobs, 11.8 percent of the state’s employment; over half of the direct energy used in crop and
livestock production comes from distillate fuel; and in 2019, Wisconsin farmers consumed over 113 million gallons of distillate fuel; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s agriculture industry also depends on petroleum fuels to transport agricultural goods from farm to processor to market, with Wisconsin exporting more than $3.37 billion of agricultural and food products in 2020 to 145 countries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature support continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from North American oil reserves to American refineries; and, be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of the legislature that everything should be done to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States and support the development, maintenance and operation of pipelines in the United States to ensure America’s energy independence, improve our national security and enhance global stability, reduce consumer energy costs, create new jobs, and strengthen ties between the United States and Canada; and, be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk of the assembly is hereby directed to transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, the members of the Wisconsin congressional delegation, and to the news media of Wisconsin.

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