

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WELCH OF VERMONT OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1938, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. <sup>Welch</sup> ~~COHEN~~ OF <sup>VJ</sup> ~~TENNESSEE~~**

Page 6, after line 24, insert the following new paragraph:

1           (18) The proposed Keystone XL pipeline would  
2           run through the Ogallala aquifer, risking an oil spill  
3           into one of the world's largest freshwater aquifers  
4           that provides 30 percent of the groundwater used  
5           for irrigation in the United States and drinking  
6           water for millions of Americans. Even a small, unde-  
7           tected leak from an underground rupture of the  
8           pipeline in the Nebraska Sandhills could pollute al-  
9           most 5,000,000,000 gallons of groundwater—enough  
10          oil to pose serious health threats to anyone using the  
11          underlying Ogallala Aquifer for drinking water or  
12          agriculture.

