

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING THE ENERGY EAST PIPELINE PROJECT

- Whereas: In August 2013, energy infrastructure company TransCanada Corporation (“TransCanada”) announced its intention to build a \$15.7 billion pipeline and export terminal project called the Energy East Pipeline Project (“Energy East”); and
- Whereas: The proposed Energy East project is planned to run between Hardisty, Alberta and Saint John, New Brunswick and will convert 3,000 km of existing natural gas pipeline to crude oil service and will include the construction of 1,600 km of new pipeline; and
- Whereas: Pipelines are the safest and least greenhouse gas-intensive way of transporting oil; and
- Whereas: It is estimated that Energy East will create over 14,000 jobs annually across Canada during the nine years it will take to develop and build the pipeline and will support 3,300 direct and spin-off jobs annually during the first 20 years of operations; and
- Whereas: It is estimated that Energy East will generate \$10.3 billion in tax revenues for provincial and federal governments over 20 years and add an additional \$55 billion in GDP to the Canadian economy; and
- Whereas: On July 14th, 2016 senior representatives of four Pipeline Construction Unions and the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (“PLCAC”) reached an agreement with TransCanada to sign a historic Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for new pipeline construction and pipeline conversion work on Energy East; and
- Whereas: The MOU will create quality jobs for thousands of pipeline workers by providing that the work will be awarded to members of the PLCAC and its four Union Partners: the International Union of Operating Engineers, the United Association of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada, the Labourers International Union of North America, and Teamsters Canada; and
- Whereas: By providing that the construction work is performed by well-trained and experienced union members, the MOU further ensures that the pipeline will be built to the highest safety standards; and
- Whereas: On June 16th, 2016 the National Energy Board determined that

TransCanada's application for the Energy East was complete; and

Whereas: The National Energy Board has 21 months to carry out its review of Energy East; and

Whereas: The National Energy Board must submit a report to the Minister of Natural Resources recommending whether the project should proceed along with recommended conditions by no later than March 16, 2018; and

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Canadian Conference of the International Union of Operating Engineers (the "Canadian Conference"), fully supports the construction of Energy East;

Be it further resolved: That the Canadian Conference take all reasonable steps to communicate its support of Energy East to its local union membership, the general public and the National Energy Board during their consultation process, and take all reasonable steps to lobby the Minister of Natural Resources and other government agencies to approve Energy East;

Be it further resolved: That the Canadian Conference continue to work cooperatively with all relevant stakeholders to promote and ensure the construction of Energy East.

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SUBJECT: ORGAN DONOR AND TISSUE AWARENESS RESOLUTION

- Whereas: The majority of Canadians are dedicated to improving the health and quality of life of people living with incurable diseases; AND,
- Whereas: Many groups in Canada work to increase awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation; AND,
- Whereas: These organ donor awareness groups collaborated with the Provinces to promote organ donor awareness; the gift of life with their family; AND,
- Whereas: Many hospitals and health agencies with their staff and Canadian families work to make organ donation a reality; AND,
- Whereas: Groups such as the Kidney Foundation and other organ donor awareness groups, through public education and walks, promote organ donation during the last week of April to increase organ and tissue donation in the community.
- Now therefore,
be it resolved The Canadian Conference of the International Union of Operating Engineers requests the government of Canada play a primary role in developing or sponsoring such awareness programs.
- Be it further resolved: We call for a negative billing registry. Not for the "yes" but only for the "no". Those who don't want their organs/tissue removed for religious, cultural or personal reasons, let them register "no".

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SUBJECT: Trans Pacific Partnership Emergency Resolution

August 30, 2016

- Whereas: The International Union of Operating Engineers support fair and open trade agreements that not only benefit the Canadian economy but provides more opportunities for Canada's domestic workforce, in particular our members;
- Whereas: The former Government of Canada negotiated this trade agreement essentially in secret and without consultation from many of the parties who might have otherwise been prepared to give input and comment during the negotiations; and,
- Whereas: There are very real questions as to the impact of the TPP upon our trades and upon our employers; and,
- Whereas: There exists uncertainty as to the impact of the TPP on Canada and on the Canadian way of life; and,
- Whereas: It is anticipated that this agreement could allow the influx of under-skilled and under-paid temporary foreign workers in various Canadian economic sectors and have a serious negative impact on Canada's economy and negatively impact Canada's highly skilled workforce.

Be it resolved: That the International Union of Operating Engineers will take any necessary actions to safeguard our interests, our members and their jobs;

Be it further resolved:

That the International Union of Operating Engineers shall oppose this agreement and take the necessary actions to inform not only elected officials but Canadians of the possible negative impacts of this agreement not only on Canada's economy but to our membership and will make every effort to persuade these elected officials and Canadians that this agreement should not be ratified.