



**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS**

2014 Environmental Scorecard





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THANK YOU!

We dedicate this scorecard to these three
amazing environmental leaders who are retiring
from the Senate at the end of the year.

Each of them has championed environmental
protection for many years and CTLCV thanks
them for their undeniable commitment and
hard work on behalf of our beautiful state.

YOU CARE ABOUT CONNECTICUT'S ENVIRONMENT

Do your legislators?

Connecticut is our home. It's a remarkable place to live, work and play, but we can make it even better.

For more than 15 years, with the support of our members across the state, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters has fought to protect our state's great natural legacy for future generations.

Part of our work is holding our elected officials accountable. And that's where our Scorecard comes in. CTLCV's Environmental Scorecard shows how each legislator voted on critical conservation bills during Connecticut's 2014 Legislative Session.

- 1 Find out.
- 2 Get involved.
- 3 Act.
- 4 Tell your legislators you know the score.

Together we can protect our home

Visit: www.ctlcv.org to find out more



BIG WINS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!

*Major Progress on Land, Water, Air Pollution,
Parks, Fracking Waste, Energy*

Every legislative session has its dramas, but the 2014 Connecticut General Assembly legislative session topped the charts for edge-of-the-chair moments. Against a backdrop of election year politics and the challenges of big issues compressed into the three months of a short session, advocates had to cope with a serious breakdown in cordial relations between chambers. This sadly broke out over two connected environmental issues—pesticides and GMOs.

A dramatic few hours close the session Cooperation between House and Senate is essential for any issue, not just the environment, and for a long stretch it seemed that 2014 would be remembered as a very unproductive session. When the legislative log jams broke on the last night of the session, there ensued a dramatic few hours of negotiating and trading.

One for the record books

Many of our priority issues came across the finish line. We had some casualties, and a few bad bills passed but were fortunately vetoed by Governor Malloy. All in all, it was a session for the victory record books.

Clear goals and messaging

To come out of a sometimes chaotic session, you must go in—as CTLCV did—with a clear set of finite goals, communicate them well and consistently and stick with your message until the closing bell is rung.

VICTORIES BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

Environmental advocates brought weighty issues before the General Assembly

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters worked with advocates, legislators, and the Governor's office on these important

"Any way you slice it, the environment was front and center this legislative session. Some really big wins happened because of a superb team effort by our legislative champions and a united environmental message by advocates at the Capitol."

Lori Brown
CTLCV Executive Director





Tina Delaney

bills, and we got results that we will be building on for years to come. The Legislature addressed some long-standing needs, including statewide water planning and a framework for protection of state-owned lands.

Strongest law in the nation on fracking waste

Legislators also responded to a quickly developing issue by passing the strongest law in the nation to prevent toxic fracking waste from coming into Connecticut.

New restrictions on tree cutting

Late in the session, public outrage over the statewide clearcutting of healthy trees by utility companies resulted in successful legislation to put more restrictions on the electric utilities' tree cutting plans.

Progress on air pollution

We can tally two important air pollution initiatives as wins, one to regulate pollution from outdoor woodburning furnaces, and another to address the problem of leaking methane gas from our energy infrastructure—arguably the worst greenhouse gas emission problem in our state. Progress on sustainable alternative energy to reduce air pollution came with a vote to lift the current legislative ban on developing wind power regulations.

NEVER ENOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING

DEEP continues to be hampered by budget

The chronic lack of sufficient funding for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) remains a huge obstacle for Connecticut's environment.

DEEP is charged with new responsibilities every year to regulate, monitor and enforce existing laws, but their barebones budget has not kept pace for decades. This year the budget took a turn in the right direction with increased funding for nine new positions in State Parks.

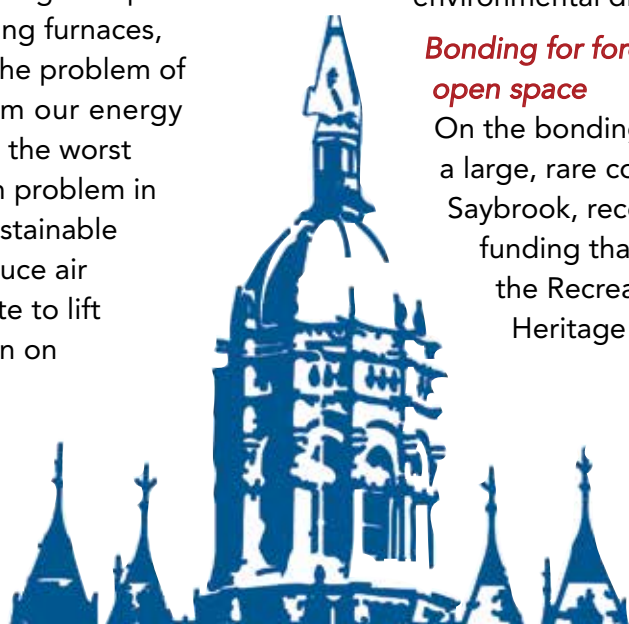
Note that there will still be a shortage of Conservation Officers, whose numbers have dwindled to 34 for the entire state.

These are the men and women who enforce permits and are the first responders for environmental disasters.

Bonding for forest, farmland and open space

On the bonding side, "The Preserve," a large, rare coastal forest in Old Saybrook, received \$2 million in funding that was earmarked from the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund.

Bonding for farmland and open space preservation in the



2014 ENVIRONMENTAL TALLY

ENVIRONMENTAL WINS

SB 70	Stronger protection of state conservation lands
HB 5424	State water planning
SB 237	Moratorium on toxic fracking waste
HB 5408	Tree trimming
HB 5410	Reduce methane leakage
SB 66	Outdoor woodburning furnaces

BAD BILLS DEFEATED OR VETOED

SB 405	Prevent public hearings on subdivisions
HB 5417	Harvest of endangered glass eels
HB 5220	Property-owner liability for trees
HB 5431	Violators of environmental laws
HB 5358	Repeal of environmental regulations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 46/5330	Pesticides
SB 445	GMO grass seed ban
SB 126	Children's exposure to toxic chemicals
SB 312	Long Island Sound inventory and "Blue Plan"

BUDGET & BONDING HIGHLIGHTS*

\$285,000,000	Clean Water Fund grants (2014-2015)
\$25,000,000	Buyout of properties for floodplain restoration
\$2,000,000	Purchase of 1000 acre coastal "Preserve"
\$250,000	Statewide water plan
\$200,000	Aquatic invasive species grant program
\$50,000	Pharmaceutical disposal
9 positions	New staff for state parks

*These were not separate bills we could score

Department of Agriculture and DEEP budgets respectively was continued at last year's strong levels.

FAILURE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS

One of the biggest disappointments was the impasse on measures to protect children and the environment from toxic chemicals.

We made no progress on extending restrictions on pesticides on school grounds, parks and municipal open space.

Legislation to ban genetically modified organism (GMO) grass seed, which promotes heavy pesticide use, also failed.

Pesticides will be a top environmental priority for CTLCV in the next legislative session, and we encourage our members to learn more about these and other issues in the CTLCV 2014 Environmental Briefing Papers at www.ctlcv.org or www.conservationeducation.org.



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PUBLIC OUTCRY DEFEATS BAD BILLS

This year was also notable for some bad legislation that got more traction than it should have.

One bill would have encouraged the repeal of environmental regulations by the legislature's Regulations Review Committee. Another would have allowed first time violators of any environmental law to go unpunished. And the most egregious would have prevented public hearings on development subdivisions. After public outcry and hundreds of calls and emails to legislative leaders, all three were defeated.



VETO POWER PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT

In the last hours of session, two bills that environmental leaders had assumed were dead were suddenly resurrected and passed in an unfortunate trading of bills between the House and Senate.

In the end, Governor Malloy stepped up and used his veto power on behalf of the environment to protect a threatened wildlife species (glass eels) from exploitation by

commercial fisheries. He also vetoed a bill that would have undermined land owners' rights to protect trees on their property.

Vigilance required to block attacks

These constant attacks on current environmental protections prove once again that the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil that grows our food and the wildlife that complete our environment are ever in jeopardy of being compromised or lost.

Connecticut protecting air, land, water and wildlife

If you care about the environment, you can be proud of what was accomplished this session. Our state has proven once again that we can be a national leader by supporting strong protections for our air, land, water and wildlife. CTLCV will continue to spotlight legislators who lead on our issues as well as those who push for dangerous land and resource use practices.



For the complete list of legislation that CTLCV worked on this session visit www.ctlcv.org

HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD



See how your elected leaders voted on the environmental issues that matter most to you. The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters produces an Environmental Scorecard each year to shine a light on our elected officials. It will give you, the voter, information you need to know who's on your side.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS!

Visit www.ctlcv.org to look up your legislators. Then call, write, or email to let them know what you think about their votes in this Scorecard.

METHODOLOGY

CTLCV works with environmental groups around the state to identify their legislative

priorities. Throughout the legislative session, we consult with these advocates to monitor and assist the progress of each piece of legislation.

CTLCV grades legislators on a 0% to 100% scale based on their votes on environmental bills in committees, the House or the Senate.

The final score shown in this document is the average of all selected votes. We do not currently score absences or abstentions. A blank space means there was no vote to score for that legislator on that bill.

While the most recent session reflects current positions on specific bills, watching the long-term trends and voting patterns of individual lawmakers can give a broader view of their priorities. Scorecards from prior years can be found at www.ctlcv.org.



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SENATE SCORES

SENATE SCORES	ISSUE CATEGORY			LAND					WATER			LONG ISLAND SOUND			
	COMMITTEE / CHAMBER			ENV	GAE	S	S	PRI	ENV	PD	S	ENV	PD	GAE	S
	PARTY	2014 OVERALL SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	SB70 Land Conservation (3/17/14)	SB70 Land Conservation (4/11/14)	SB70 Land Conservation (4/23/14)	HB 5408 Tree Trimming (5/2/14)	HB 5370 State Parks Funding (3/13/14)	HB 5424 Statewide Water Plan (3/21/14)	HB 5424 Statewide Water Plan (4/21/14)	HB 5424 Statewide Water Plan (5/7/14)	SB 312 Long Island Sound Inventory and Blue Plan (3/21/14)	SB 312 Long Island Sound Inventory and Blue Plan (4/21/14)	SB 312 Long Island Sound Inventory and Blue Plan (4/25/14)	SB 312 Long Island Sound Inventory and Blue Plan (4/30/14)
Ayala	D	100%	96%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Bartolomeo	D	100%	97%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Boucher	R	100%	77%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Bye	D	100%	89%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Cassano	D	100%	80%			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Chapin	R	87%	80%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓
Coleman	D	100%	92%			✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
Crisco	D	100%	90%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Doyle	D	100%	86%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Duff	D	100%	91%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Fasano	R	82%	80%			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Fonfara	D	100%	93%			✓	✓	A			✓				✓
Frantz	R	88%	69%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Gerratana	D	100%	89%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Guglielmo	R	89%	84%			✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
Hartley	D	100%	85%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Holder-Winfield*	D	100%	95%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Kane	R	70%	78%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Kelly	R	89%	80%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Kissel	R	90%	81%			✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
LeBeau	D	100%	88%			✓	✓				✓				A
Leone	D	100%	86%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Linares	R	73%	70%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Looney	D	100%	91%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Markley	R	100%	93%			✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
Maynard	D	100%	83%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓
McKinney	R	88%	86%			✓	✓				✓				✓
McLachlan	R	82%	80%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
Meyer	D	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Musto	D	100%	88%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
Osten	D	91%	87%			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Slossberg	D	100%	87%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Stillman	D	100%	88%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Welch	R	73%	85%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Williams	D	100%	93%			✓	✓				✓				✓
Witkos	R	86%	87%			✓	A				✓				✓

*Score includes House votes cast before election to the Senate mid-session.



PH	PESTICIDES				TOXICS			FRACKING WASTE			GAS		AIR		-	PD	SENATE SCORES
	KID	ED	ENV	S	KID	PH	PH	ENV	JUD	S	ET	S	ENV	S			
HB 5330 Extended Ban on Pesticides (3/27/14)				✓													Ayala
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (3/11/14)	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓		✓			Bartolomeo
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (4/11/14)		A		✓								✓		✓			Boucher
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (3/21/14)				✓								✓		✓			Bye
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (4/9/14)				X								✓		✓		A	Cassano
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/11/14)			X	X				✓				✓		✓			Chapin
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (4/7/14)				✓								✓		✓			Coleman
SB 126 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/10/14)				✓								✓		✓			Crisco
SB 237 Fracking Waste (3/7/14)				✓								✓		✓			Doyle
SB 237 Fracking Waste (4/14/14)				✓								✓		✓			Duff
SB 237 Fracking Waste (5/6/14)				X								✓		✓		X	Fasano
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (3/18/14)				✓								✓		✓			Fonfara
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (5/7/14)				X								✓		✓			Frantz
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (2/28/14)				✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓			Gerratana
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (4/9/14)				✓								✓		✓			Guglielmo
SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings (3/21/14)				X								✓		✓			Hartley
	✓			✓								✓		✓			Holder-Winfield
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				X								✓		✓			Kelly
				X								✓		✓			Kissel
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				X								✓		✓			Witkos



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Alexander	D	50%	71%			✓	A				✓			
Altobello	D	75%	84%			✓	✓				✓			
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Ayala	D	75%	87%			✓	✓				✓			
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Berger	D	88%	80%			✓	✓				✓			
Betts	R	38%	61%			✓	✓				✓			
Bolinsky	R	67%	67%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Boukus	D	75%	88%			✓	✓				✓			
Bowles	D	93%	97%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Buck-Taylor	R	67%	65%	✓		✓	✓		A		✓	A		
Butler	D	88%	86%			✓	✓				✓			
Cafero	R	63%	71%			✓	✓				✓			
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Candelora	R	73%	60%			✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
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Carter	R	56%	66%			✓	X				X			
Case	R	67%	71%	✓		✓	X		✓		✓	✓		
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SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (4/11/14)				X					X	X		✓		✓		X	Adinolfi	
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (3/21/14)			✓	✓				A	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Alberts	
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (4/10/14)	X			X		X	X			✓		✓		✓		X	Albis	
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/11/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Alexander	
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (4/7/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Altobello	
SB 126 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/10/14)				X						✓		✓		✓	X	X	Aman	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (3/7/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Arce	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (4/14/14)	✓			✓		X	✓			✓		✓		✓		X	Arconti	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (5/7/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Aresimowicz	
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SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings (3/21/14)				X						✓	✓	✓		✓		X	Becker	
HB 5431 Environmental Violations (5/1/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Belsito	
	X			A						✓		✓		✓	X	A	Berger	
	X	X		X	X	X	X			X		✓		✓		X	Betts	
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Cuevas	D	75%	88%			✓	✓				✓			
D'Agostino	D	80%	79%		A	A	A				✓			✓
D'Amelio	R	63%	63%			✓	✓				X			
Dargan	D	75%	89%			✓	✓				✓			
Davis, C.	R	64%	63%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Davis, P.	D	93%	90%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Demicco	D	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dillon	D	100%	90%			✓	✓				✓			
Diminico	D	80%	80%			✓	✓				✓			
Esposito	D	75%	84%			✓	✓				✓			
Fawcett	D	91%	92%			✓	✓				✓			
Fleischmann	D	100%	96%			✓	✓				✓			
Flexer	D	100%	97%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Floren	R	71%	78%			✓	A				✓			
Fox, D.	D	75%	82%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Fox, G.	D	75%	84%			✓	✓				A			
Frey	R	63%	77%			✓	✓				✓			
Fritz	D	67%	76%			✓	✓			A	A		A	
Genga	D	89%	90%			✓	✓				✓			
Gentile	D	87%	80%	✓		✓	✓		✓	A	✓	✓	A	
Giegler	R	63%	72%			✓	✓				✓			
Giuliano	R	63%	76%			✓	✓	✓			✓			
Godfrey	D	89%	91%			✓	✓				✓			
Gonzalez	D	78%	89%			✓	✓				✓			
Grogins	D	77%	84%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Guerrera	D	75%	86%			✓	✓				✓			
Haddad	D	100%	97%			✓	✓				✓			
Hampton	D	89%	95%			✓	✓				✓			
Hennessy	D	100%	94%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Hewett	D	89%	90%			✓	✓				✓			
Hovey	R	44%	65%			✓	X				✓			
Hoydick	R	73%	78%			✓	✓				✓			
Hwang	R	90%	80%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Janowski	D	75%	86%			✓	✓				✓			



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PH	KID	EDU	ENV	H	KID	PH	PH	ENV	JUD	H	ET	H	ENV	H	PD	H	
HB 5330 Extended Ban on Pesticides (3/27/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Cuevas
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (3/11/14)		A		X						A		✓		A		A	D'Agostino
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (4/11/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	D'Amelio
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (3/21/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Dargan
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (4/10/14)	X			X		✓	X			✓		✓		✓	X	X	Davis, C.
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/11/14)		A	✓	A				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		X	Davis, P.
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (4/7/14)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Demicco
SB 126 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/10/14)				✓					✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	Dillon
SB 237 Fracking Waste (3/7/14)				X						✓		✓		✓	✓	X	Diminico
SB 237 Fracking Waste (4/14/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Esposito
SB 237 Fracking Waste (5/7/14)		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓		X	Fawcett
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (3/18/14)				✓						✓		✓		✓		A	Fleischmann
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (4/16/14)				X						✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	Flexer
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (2/28/14)				X					✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	X	Floren
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (5/7/14)				X					✓	✓		✓		✓	X	X	Floren
SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings (3/21/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Fox, D.
HB 5431 Environmental Violations (5/1/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Fox, G.
				X						X		✓		✓		X	Frey
				X					✓	✓		✓		✓	X	X	Fritz
		✓		X						✓	✓	✓		✓		A	Genga
			✓	X				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	X	Gentile
				X						X		✓		✓		X	Giegler
		A		X						X		A		✓		X	Giuliano
				✓						✓		✓		✓		X	Godfrey
				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Gonzalez
		✓		X					✓	✓		✓		✓	X	X	Grogins
				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Guerrera
				✓						✓		✓		✓		✓	Haddad
		✓		✓						✓		✓		✓		X	Hampton
			✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Hennessy
	✓			A	✓					A		✓		✓		X	Hewett
A				X		A	X			A		✓		✓		X	Hovey
	X			X	✓					✓		✓		✓		X	Hoydick
				✓						✓		✓		✓		X	Hwang
				X						✓		✓		✓		X	Janowski



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Johnson	D	92%	93%			✓	✓				✓			
Jutila	D	80%	85%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Kiner	D	89%	97%			✓	✓				✓			
Klarides	R	60%	75%			✓	✓				✓			
Kokoruda	R	75%	79%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Kupchick	R	78%	85%			✓	✓	✓			✓			
Labriola	R	90%	76%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Larson	D	100%	89%			✓	✓				A			
Lavielle	R	89%	88%			✓	✓				✓			
LeGeyt	R	78%	86%			✓	✓				✓			
Lemar	D	100%	94%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Lesser	D	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Lopes	D	100%	97%			✓	✓				✓			
Luxenberg	D	100%	92%			✓	✓				✓			
Maroney	D	90%	91%			✓	✓				✓			
McCrary	D	88%	90%			✓	✓				✓			
McGee	D	78%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Megna	D	93%	95%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Mikutel	D	60%	83%			✓	A				✓			
Miller, L.	R	100%	68%	A		✓	A		✓		A	✓		
Miller, Pat	D	83%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Miller, Phil	D	94%	96%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Miner	R	64%	57%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Molgano	R	75%	67%		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓
Morin	D	75%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Morris	D	80%	92%			✓	✓				✓			
Moukawsher	D	71%	69%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Mushinsky	D	100%	97%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Nafis	D	78%	92%			✓	✓				✓			
Nicastro	D	75%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Noujaim	R	43%	61%			✓	X				X			
O'Dea	R	67%	65%	✓		✓	X		✓		✓	✓		
O'Neill	R	78%	83%			✓	✓				✓			
Orange	D	88%	90%			✓	✓				✓			



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Perillo	R	55%	62%			✓	✓				✓			
Perone	D	78%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Piscopo	R	44%	38%			✓	X				X			
Porter	D	83%	83%			✓	✓				✓			
Rebimbas	R	73%	76%		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓
Reed	D	100%	95%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Riley	D	75%	84%			✓	✓				✓			
Ritter, E.	D	89%	94%			✓	✓				✓			
Ritter, M.	D	92%	86%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Rojas	D	67%	82%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Rose	D	78%	86%			✓	✓				A			
Rovero	D	75%	89%			✓	✓				✓			
Rutigliano	R	63%	72%			✓	✓				X			
Ryan	D	81%	90%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Sampson	R	36%	62%	✓		✓	✓		X		X	X		
Sanchez	D	88%	95%			✓	✓				A			
Santiago, E.	D	75%	76%			✓	✓				✓			
Santiago, H.	D	88%	90%			✓	✓				✓			
Sawyer	R	38%	67%			✓	X				X			
Sayers	D	64%	78%			✓	✓				✓			
Scribner	R	75%	70%			✓	✓				✓			
Sear	D	84%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Serra	D	78%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Shaban	R	80%	70%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Sharkey	D	75%	93%			✓	✓				✓			
Simanski	R	82%	76%			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	
Smith	R	75%	60%			✓	✓				✓			
Srinivasan	R	50%	74%			✓	✓				✓			
Stallworth	D	78%	87%			✓	✓				✓			
Steinberg	D	100%	94%			✓	✓				✓			
Tercyak	D	100%	94%			✓	✓				✓			
Tong	D	80%	88%			✓	✓				✓			
Urban	D	100%	94%	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		

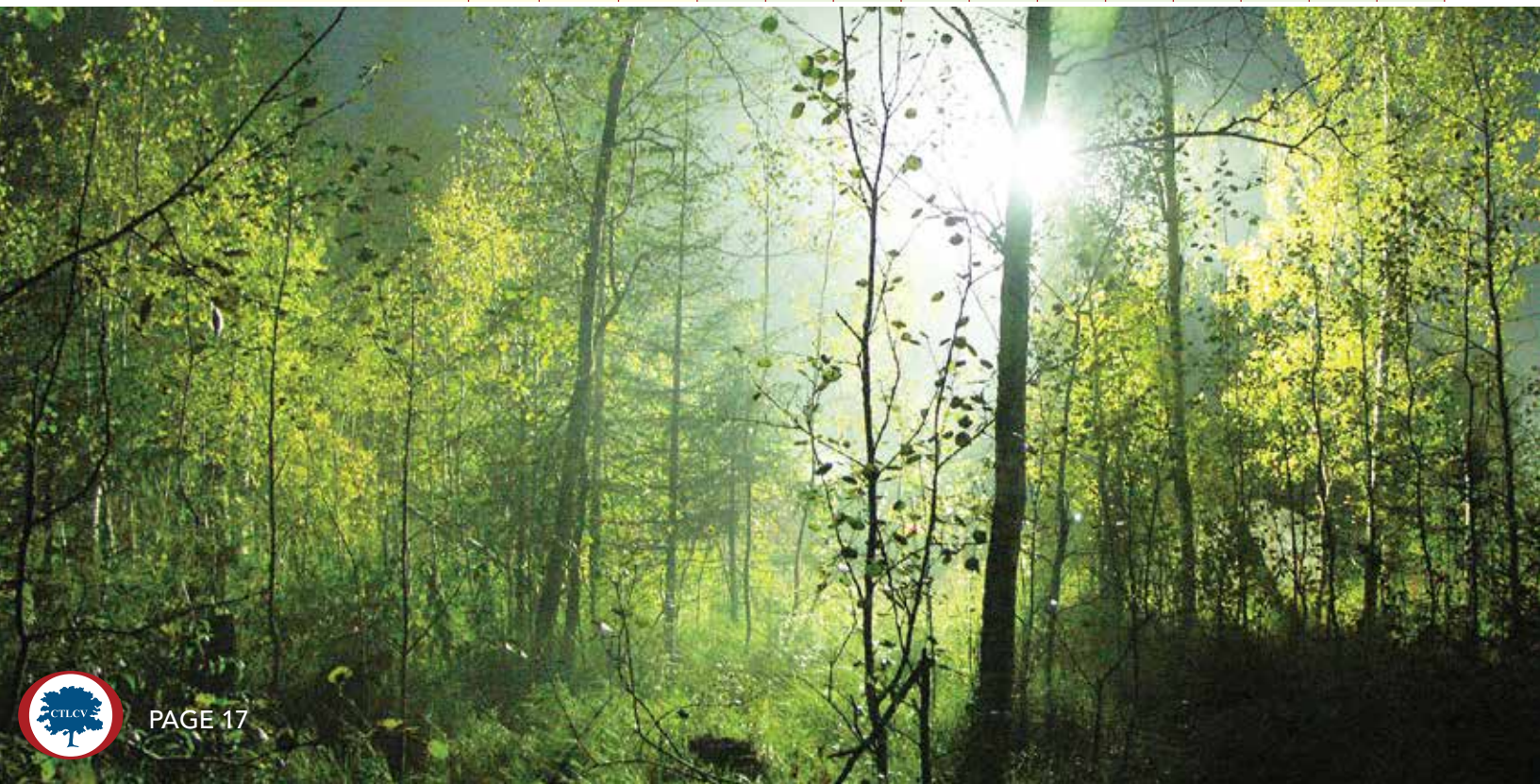


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HB 5330 Extended Ban on Pesticides (3/27/14)				X		X	X			✓		✓		✓		X		Perillo	
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (3/11/14)				X						✓	✓	✓		✓		X		Perone	
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (4/11/14)				X						X	✓	✓		✓		X		Piscopo	
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (3/21/14)				X						✓				✓		X		Porter	
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (4/10/14)				A					X	✓	✓	✓		✓		X		Rebimbas	
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/11/14)				X		X	X			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	A		Reed	
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (4/7/14)				X		X	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		Riley	
SB 126 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/10/14)				✓						✓	✓	✓		✓		X		Ritter, E.	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (3/7/14)				X					✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		Ritter, M.	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (4/14/14)				X						✓		✓		✓	X	X		Rojas	
SB 237 Fracking Waste (5/7/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X		Rose	
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (3/18/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X		Rovero	
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (4/16/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X		Rutigliano	
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (2/28/14)				X						✓		✓	✓	✓		X		Ryan	
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (5/7/14)				X				X		X		✓	X	✓		X		Sampson	
SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings (3/21/14)			X	X						✓		✓		✓				Sanchez	
HB 5431 Environmental Violations (5/1/14)				X						✓		✓		✓		X		Santiago, E.	
				X						✓		✓		✓				Santiago, H.	
				X						X		✓		✓		X		Sawyer	
X				X		X	✓			✓		✓		✓		X		Sayers	
A				X		A	A			✓		✓		✓		X		Scribner	
			X	X				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	X		Sear	
				X					✓	✓		✓		✓		X		Serra	
			X	X				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		X		Shaban	
				X						✓		✓		✓		X		Sharkey	
				X						✓		✓		✓	✓	X		Simanski	
				X					A	✓		✓		✓		X		Smith	
X		X		X		X	X			✓		✓		✓		X		Srinivasan	
		✓		X						✓		✓		✓		X		Stallworth	
				✓						✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		Steinberg	
✓				✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓		Tercyak	
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Vargas	D	89%	95%			✓	✓				A			
Verrengia	D	89%	85%			✓	✓				✓			
Vicino	D	94%	87%	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Walker	D	86%	94%			✓	✓				A			
Walko	R	80%	77%			✓	✓				✓			
Widlitz	D	73%	92%			✓	✓				✓			
Williams	R	63%	65%			✓	✓				✓			
Willis	D	93%	97%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Wood	R	67%	79%			✓	✓				A			
Wright, C.	D	88%	94%			✓	✓				✓			
Wright, E.	D	100%	98%			✓	✓				✓			
Yaccarino	R	78%	86%			✓	✓				✓			
Zawistowski	R	71%	71%			✓	✓				✓			
Ziobron	R	65%	81%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Zoni	D	73%	83%			✓	✓				✓			
Zupkus	R	75%	83%			✓	✓				✓			



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HB 5330 Extended Ban on Pesticides (3/27/14)																		
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (3/11/14)	✓			✓	✓							✓		✓			X	Vargas
SB 46 Pesticides on School Grounds (4/11/14)				✓					✓	✓		✓		✓			X	Verrengia
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (3/21/14)			✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		A	X	Vicino
SB 443 Extended Pesticides Ban (4/10/14)				X					✓	✓		✓		✓			A	Walker
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/11/14)		✓		X					✓	✓		✓		✓			X	Walko
HB 5354 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (4/7/14)	✓			X		X	✓			✓		✓		✓			X	Widlitz
SB 126 Children's Exposure to Chemicals (3/10/14)				X						X	A	✓		✓			X	Williams
SB 237 Fracking Waste (3/7/14)			✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			X	Willis
SB 237 Fracking Waste (4/14/14)		X		X	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓			X	Wood
SB 237 Fracking Waste (5/7/14)				✓						✓		✓		✓			X	Wright, C.
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (3/18/14)				✓					✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	Wright, E.
HB 5410 Methane Leaks (4/16/14)				X						✓	✓	✓		✓			X	Yaccarino
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (2/28/14)										X		✓		✓			X	Zawistowski
SB 66 Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces (5/7/14)			X	X		X	X	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			X	Ziobron
SB 405 Eliminate Land Use Public Hearings (3/21/14)	X			X		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			X	Zoni
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Water Planning &
Glass Eels



Representative Jonathon Steinberg (D-H136)
Leader on
Fracking Waste



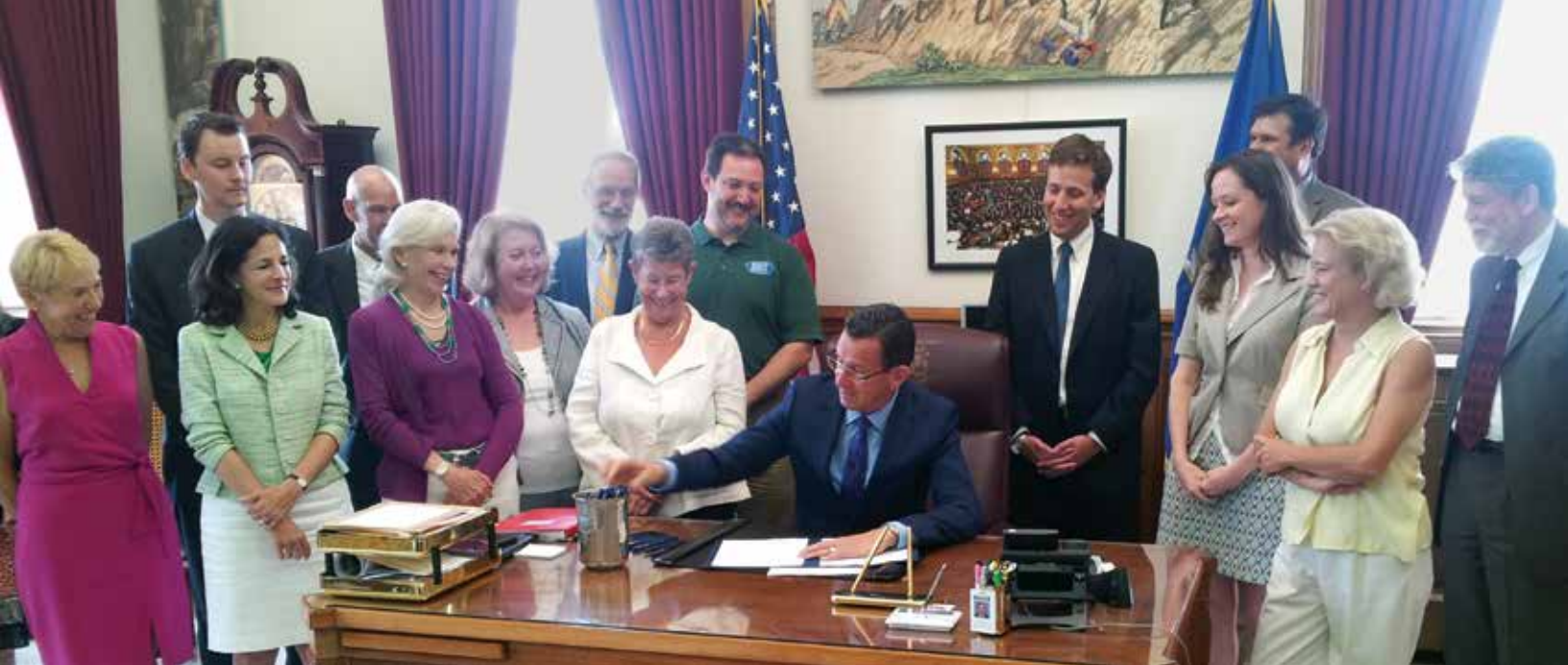
Representative Diana Urban (D-H43)
Leader on
GMOs & Pesticides



Representative Roberta Willis (D-H64)
Leader on
Fracking Waste

CTLCV 2014 Legislative Champions

CTLCV commends these lawmakers for their leadership on specific environmental issues during the 2014 legislative session.



BILLS THAT WERE SCORED

OPEN SPACE, PARKS & TREES

SB 70 - AAC THE GRANT OF PROPERTY INTEREST IN PROPERTY HELD BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT LAND REGISTRY: Supported / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-169, affirms the authority of DEEP and Department of Agriculture to better protect public lands with a conservation restriction, and creates an online registry providing more public information about the protected (or not) status of your state-owned and other conservation lands.

HB 5408 - AAC TREE TRIMMING: Supported / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-151, places the burden of proof on the utility companies for the need to cut and destroy trees or shrubs that could pose a hazard in the State of Connecticut. It brings more tree expertise into the decisions, clarifies and improves the way that electric utilities must notify landowners and clarifies the opportunities for landowners to object or request a modification.

Note:

AAC=An Act Concerning...

AA=An Act...

HB=House Bill

SB=Senate Bill

Supported / Opposed=
Environmental Position

Passed / Failed=Legislative
Response



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HB 5370 - AA IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING CERTAIN FISCAL AND RESOURCE-RELATED MATTERS PERTAINING TO STATE PARKS: Supported / Partially included in the Budget

This bill would have allocated 100% of cabin rental revenues to the parks where they are located, and 50% of all revenues collected at state parks and forests to operations and maintenance of state parks and forests.

WATER PLANNING

HB 5424 - AAC THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WATER PLANNING COUNCIL: Supported / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-163, directs the Water Planning Council to engage in a three-year process for writing a comprehensive statewide water plan. This plan will identify quantities and qualities of water available, present and projected demands for water resources, appropriate regions in the state for comprehensive water planning, and will establish guidelines and incentives for consumer water conservation, taking into account energy efficiency. The plan will then be submitted in 2017 to four committees of the General Assembly for vetting and passage.

LONG ISLAND SOUND

SB 312 - AAC A LONG ISLAND SOUND RESOURCE AND USE INVENTORY AND A LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN: Supported / Failed

This bill would have authorized the Office of Policy and Management to convene an advisory committee of agencies and stakeholders to compile an

DEFEATED BY ONE VOTE

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE: VOTE ON HB 5330 ON PESTICIDES USE

The most important votes during the legislative session often happen in committee. Lawmakers can block important bills, push them along or change them with amendments.

An important environmental bill to curb pesticides this year was defeated BY ONE VOTE on March 27th. This vote is included in our overall score, but it is worth calling out as a glaring example of what happens when industry lobbyists have their way.

12 PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTES

Sen. T. Gerratana
Sen. G. Holder-Winfield
Sen. A. Musto
Sen. G. Slossberg
Rep. D. Arconti
Rep. T. Conroy
Rep. M. Demicco
Rep. S. Johnson
Rep. P. Miller
Rep. K. Ryan
Rep. P. Tercyak
Rep. P. Widlitz

13 ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTES

Sen. R. Kane
Sen. J. Welch
Rep. D. Alexander
Rep. W. Betts
Rep. M. Cook
Rep. C. Davis
Rep. T. Klarides
Rep. J. Perillo
Rep. E. Riley
Rep. P. Sayers
Rep. P. Srinivasan
Rep. M. Ziobron
Rep. D. Zoni

3 ABSENT

Rep. D. Hovey
Rep. J. Maroney
Rep. D. Scribner

inventory of the natural habitats and resources in and under the waters of Long Island Sound, and the ways in which the Sound is used, including boating, fishing, aquaculture, energy transmission, shipping and others. The committee would use that inventory to develop a "Blue Plan" to guide the location and performance standards for new uses and facilities regulated under existing state authorities, so that conflicts are minimized and the Sound's traditional uses, ecological integrity and economic importance are protected.

PESTICIDES & TOXICS

HB 5330 - AAC THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES AT PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND MUNICIPAL GREENS: Supported / Failed

This bill aimed to protect children's health from the toxic lawn pesticides by applying the restrictions now on pre-K through 8th grade schools to parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and municipal greens.





**BIGGEST
DISAPPOINTMENT**

Failure to protect children and wildlife from toxic chemicals in playgrounds, athletic fields, parks, and school grounds



**SB 46 - AAC PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:
Supported / Failed**

This bill would have extended the current ban on the use of lawn care pesticides in pre-K through 8th grade schools to include all schools with students in grades 9-12. This would have helped to protect all school-aged children from the dangerous chemicals found in pesticides.

**SB 443 - AAC PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, PARKS,
PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND MUNICIPAL GREENS
AND BANNING THE SALE AND USE OF GENETICALLY-
ENGINEERED LAWN OR TURF SEEDS: Supported / Failed**

The original aim was to expand the existing pesticide ban at pre-K through 8th grade schools to include parks, playgrounds, municipal town greens and high schools. The bill was altered in the Senate to ban the use and sale of genetically-engineered grass seed, but was summarily killed by leadership in the House.

**HB 5354 - AAC CHEMICALS OF HIGH CONCERN
TO CHILDREN: Supported / Failed**

Similar to SB 126 below, this bill would have required the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals potentially harmful to children and report to the Public Health committee concerning such chemicals.



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SB 126 - ACC CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS: Supported / Failed

This bill would have set up a sustainable framework in the state by requiring the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals that pose an exposure hazard to children and to make recommendations every two years to the Legislature to reduce exposure.



FRACKING WASTE

SB 237 - AA PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT: Support / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-200, creates a three year moratorium to keep toxic fracking waste out of our state temporarily, provides time to analyze the rapidly-developing science around its impacts and partially closes the federal loophole that would otherwise let fracking waste slip through Connecticut's hazardous waste laws.



STRONGEST LAW IN THE NATION

The Connecticut Legislature has temporarily prevented toxic fracking waste from coming into Connecticut.





GLOBAL WARMING

HB 5410 - AAC LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS: Supported / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-152, will limit the amount of lost and unaccounted for gas a natural gas distribution company may recover from ratepayers to incentivize them to fix leaks in the system.

SB 66 - AAC OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES: Supported / Passed

This bill, now Public Act 14-92, will require owners of all outdoor wood-burning furnaces to burn only wood that is not chemically treated. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to change emission standards which would grandfather in older furnaces. However, under this legislation Connecticut will retain these requirements.

PUBLIC INPUT

SB 405 - AAC PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS: Opposed / Failed

This bill would have eliminated public hearings for subdivision applications before local planning commissions.

ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

HB 5431 - AAC FIRST TIME VIOLATORS: Opposed / Failed

This bill would have endangered the environment and public health and safety by waiving fines for first-time violations of regulations.



IMPORTANT AIR POLLUTION WINS

- *Distribution companies will be incentivized to fix natural gas leaks*
- *Owners of outdoor furnaces will be allowed to burn only untreated wood*



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IMPORTANT BILLS THAT WERE NOT SCORED



HB 5358 - AA AUTHORIZING THE REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THE REPEAL OF OBSOLETE OR BURDENSOME REGULATIONS: Opposed / Failed

This bill would have authorized the Regulation Review Committee to initiate the repeal of regulations it deems “obsolete or burdensome” without full action by the legislature. There was no vote to score.

HB 5417 - AAC GLASS EELS: Opposed / Passed / Vetoed

This bill would have enabled the establishment of a fishing season for glass eels, the juvenile form of the American eel. This species, a critical part of the food chain, has become so depleted that the federal government is considering listing it on the Endangered Species List. We applaud Governor Malloy for wisely using his veto power to protect our state’s wildlife.

HB 5220 - AAC A PROPERTY OWNER’S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB: Opposed / Passed / Vetoed

With no proof or certified arborist expertise required, under this bill, one neighbor would only have to write a certified letter to their neighbor stating that their neighbor’s tree or limb is “diseased or likely to fall” and the neighbor would then become liable for the expenses should it fall at some point in the future. The impacts on land trusts and others holding protected open space properties could have been devastating. Realizing the negative consequences of such legislation, the Governor used his veto power to protect our state’s woodlands.



PUBLIC OUTCRY DEFEATED BAD BILL

Public response to an effort to eliminate public hearings on land use resulted in a resounding defeat



Cecil Phillips-Ritchey



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