



**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS**

2017 Environmental Scorecard



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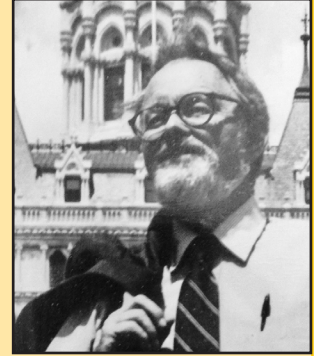
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CTLCV Salutes David Anderson

The 2017 Scorecard is dedicated to David Anderson. He has been a role model for all of us and was a solar champion going back to the mid-'80s when he was the chairman of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, as it was called back then. David authored, among many laws, the first on solar licensing, and co-authored PA 90-219, the first climate change legislation in the state. Since retiring from the legislature, David has advanced solutions to climate change with innovative projects based on tropical reforestation, and has focused his latest efforts on incorporating a climate change curriculum into our schools.



How To Use This Scorecard

HOW BILLS ARE SELECTED

Legislation included in this Scorecard represents a diverse set of environmental concerns. Environmental groups from around the state inform us about their priority bills. We consult with advocates throughout the session, lobby lawmakers on important initiatives, and track their votes.

CTLCV sends regular updates to legislators and our members with a "watchlist" of important bills to be sure the pro-environment position is clear before legislators cast their votes.

HOW LEGISLATORS ARE SCORED

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

The final score shown in this document is the average of each legislator's combined votes on specific bills. For example, if a legislator had two chances to vote for a pro-environment bill but only voted the right way once, the score for that bill would be 50%. The 2017 final score is the average of the legislator's scores on all of the bills.

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 voting patterns and the LIFETIME AVERAGE of individual lawmakers can give a broader view of their priorities.

YOU CARE ABOUT CONNECTICUT'S ENVIRONMENT

Do your legislators?

This Environmental Scorecard shows how your legislators voted on critical environmental bills during Connecticut's 2017 Legislative Session.

Together we can hold our elected officials accountable for their votes.

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- ... AND ALWAYS VOTE!**



NEW DYNAMIC AT THE LEGISLATURE STALLS PROGRESS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The regular (scheduled) legislative session this year (January 4th to June 7th) can best be described as confusing, frustrating, and unpredictable. There was no celebration of environmental successes when the session ended. Accomplishments were few and did not include a state budget. That all-important task was punted to a special session, which continues as we write.

WINS WERE MODEST. Pro-environment bills that passed include

- a relaxation of the water-secrecy rules in effect since 2002
- the addition of a consumer advocate at the Metropolitan District Commission (the large Hartford-based water utility) and
- a prohibition on use of coal-tar sealant on state and local highways.

But the session ended with an almost inexplicably long list of missed opportunities to protect the environment, even with bills that were strongly bipartisan. The failure of the Senate to take up the constitutional amendment legislation to protect public lands was a stunning disappointment.

ENVIRONMENT BECAME A BATTLEGROUND.

Given the national climate of hostility to environmental causes, it was not surprising that environmental advocates had to spend much of their time and energy on fighting against bad bills that would roll back environmental standards and against devastating cuts to funding for energy and environmental programs. Every major, positive environmental initiative on our legislative watchlist became a battleground.

SURPRISE ROLLBACKS. New, unanticipated legislative language, often relating to industry goals, would pop out of nowhere, leaving advocates and even lawmakers puzzled as to the sources and full effects of the bills. Environmental rollbacks supported by the Connecticut Business and

Industry Association and other opponents of environmental regulations in general found solid support in the Environment, Judiciary, and Commerce committees. As many as ten bills aimed at weakening enforcement of environmental protections had public hearings.

BALANCE OF POWER WAS DIFFERENT.

Committee structures and voting dynamics were different this year as a result of the loss of Democratic seats. In the Senate, there was an equal number of Republicans and Democrats; in the House, Democrats held only a slim majority. Instead of the customary arrangement of two co-chairs for each committee, leadership decided on three co-chairs: two Senate co-chairs (one Democratic and one Republican), plus one Democratic co-chair from the House.

The new balance of power in committees and both chambers resulted in less attention to solving issues of bipartisan interest and more attention to testing political strengths and weaknesses, with each side seeking leverage and control. When the budget became the center of all battles, protection of our air, land, water, and climate seemed to be put on hold.

ANTI-ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. Many problems started with the Environment Committee, which no longer had a strong pro-environment



majority. Members blocked important bills on water, waste and wildlife. Furthermore, several anti-environment bills originated or passed through that committee with the full backing of the new Republican co-chair, Senator Craig Miner. Democratic Co-chair Senator Ted Kennedy Jr. often accommodated Senator Miner's agenda. House Co-chair Mike Demicco did as much as he could to keep important bills alive in the House and even worked on important environmental bills that did not start in his committee.

WORK REMAINS FOR 2018. Major battles escalated around every important piece of environmental legislation in 2017. Most were left unresolved when the clock ran out on June 7th, and many of these fights will resume in 2018, including:

⇒ **Constitutional Amendment to Protect Public Lands** - to place a resolution on the 2018 ballot that amends the state constitution to require a public hearing and a two-thirds vote by the legislature before public land can be sold, swapped or given away.

⇒ **Bottle Bill Deposit Program** - to prevent the effort by industry distributors to dismantle our state's landmark recycling law, and instead update the program to include more types of bottles and adjust the fees to keep the program viable.

⇒ **Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES)** - to guide Connecticut's long-term strategy toward a clean energy economy. Many legislative initiatives this session to increase the purchase of renewable energy, encourage solar power, and phase out reliance on carbon-based fuels were overshadowed by the ongoing battle over the Millstone nuclear plant. Once adopted, the CES plan will be the basis for new legislative efforts next session.

⇒ **Statewide Water Plan** - to improve how Connecticut manages its water resources, including conservation efforts, drought management, and updating our policies on grandfathered water diversions and new permits.

Many other bills on CTLCV's watchlist this session addressed a variety of concerns such as:

- spraying of pesticides along railways and highways
- banning toxic tire rubber mulch on playgrounds
- reducing the use of plastic bags
- providing a municipal option to help towns protect open space, and
- banning fracking waste statewide.

FUNDING AT STAKE. As budget negotiations continued through the summer and into fall, at stake was funding for environmental entities and programs, such as the Council on Environmental Quality, Conservation Districts, the Clean Water Fund, the Community Investment Act, open space protection, state parks maintenance, the Regional Green House Gas Initiative, and the Green Bank. And, once again, a new round of funding cuts was proposed for the state agency charged with protecting our natural resources, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

PASSPORT TO THE PARKS. One glimmer of hope for new environmental funding in recent negotiations is a new "Passport to the Parks" program, which would derive money from a fee on license plates to support state parks in return for free park entrance for all registered vehicles. These budget priorities have not been resolved as of this writing.



SCORECARD GRADES EACH LEGISLATOR.

CTLCV's Environmental Scorecard contains all lawmakers' votes on 23 bills, including committee votes, amendments and final votes in the House and Senate. The Scorecard grades each legislator on their votes during the recent legislative session, as well as their lifetime voting average. The method for selecting specific bills and votes to score is full explained on page 31.

GET INVOLVED. With so much at stake for our land, air, water, wildlife, and climate, we urge YOU to get involved and help us double down on efforts to protect the Connecticut we care so deeply about.

ACTION ALERTS. Sign up for CTLCV action alerts at our website, ctlc.org, and together we can keep the environment front and center with state lawmakers at the Connecticut General Assembly.



STATE BUDGET & BONDING

Key Funding Concerns

DEEP Parks

Council on Environmental Quality

Energy Efficiency Fund

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

CT Green Bank

Community Investment Act

Conservation Districts

Clean Water Fund

Open Space Bonding



2017 ENVIRONMENTAL TALLY

GOOD BILLS THAT PASSED

HB 5884 Coal Tar Sealants
HB 6008 MDC Consumer Advocate
HB 7221 Access to Water Planning Information

GOOD BILLS THAT FAILED

SJ 39 State Constitutional Amendment to Protect Open Space
SB 630 Renewable Energy
SB 754 Pesticide Spraying on Highways
SB 973 Residential Sustainable Energy Program
HB 5618 Bottle Bill Expansion
HB 5619 Regulation of Bottled Water
HB 5873 Pesticide Spraying on Railroads
HB 6313 Single-Use Plastic Bags
HB 6319 Water Rates for Water Bottlers
HB 6323 Water Conservation
HB 6329 Fracking Waste
HB 6335 Ivory and Rhino Horn Trade
HB 6341 Water Diversion Permits
HB 6342 Clean Water Project Charges by MDC
HB 6352 Tire Recycling
HB 6926 Municipal Option for Land Conservation
HB 6998 Toxic Rubber Mulch on Playgrounds
HB 7067 Product Stewardship
HB 7097 Electric Vehicles

BAD BILLS DEFEATED

SB 106 Millstone Nuclear Subsidies
SB 128 Exemption from Regulations
SB 285 Penalty for Environmental Violations
SB 522 Bear Hunting
SB 818 Penalty for Environmental Violations
SB 753 Large-Scale Water Bottling
SB 778 Millstone Nuclear Subsidies
SB 996 Bottle Bill Repeal
SB 998 Regulatory Rollbacks
HB 5502 Automatic Permit Approval
HB 6327 DEEP Permits
HB 7063 Penalty for Environmental Violations
HB 7134 Consent Orders

2017 Legislative Champions HALL OF FAME

We are especially grateful to some of the heroes who championed good bills and helped to stop the bad ones highlighted here.



Sen. Beth Bye
Leader on Public
Water Supply



Sen. Bob Duff
Leader on Wildlife
Protection



Sen. Mae Flexer
Leader on
Land Conveyance



Sen. Tony Hwang
Leader for Council on
Environmental Quality
& Renewable Energy



Rep. Jonathan Steinberg
Leader on
Water Planning &
Renewable Energy



Sen. Gary Winfield
Leader on
Renewable Energy &
RGGI Funding



Rep. James Albis
Leader on
Preventing
Environmental
Rollbacks



Rep. Michael D'Agostino
Leader on Tree
Management



Rep. Mike Demicco
Leader on Coal
Tar Sealants and
Fracking Waste



Rep. Joseph Gresko,
Leader on Municipal
Open Space
Funding & Bottle
Bill Expansion



**Rep. Brenda
Kupchick**
Leader on Bottle Bill
Expansion



Rep. Gail Lavielle
Leader on
Bottle Bill
Expansion &
Electric Vehicles



**Rep. Mary
Mushinsky**
Leader on Bottle Bill
Expansion



Rep. Derek Slap
Leader on Public Water
Supply



Rep. Diana Urban
Leader on Toxic
Rubber Mulch

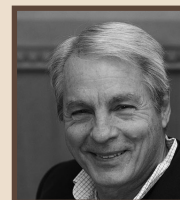


Rep. Melissa Ziobron
Leader on Park
Funding

WALL OF SHAME

Senator Craig Miner As a new co-chair of the Environment Committee, Senate Miner derailed many good bills and advocated for legislation to weaken environmental laws. Senator Miner worked to defund the Council on Environmental Quality, blocked all legislation to make improvements to our state's water management laws, tried to dismantle Connecticut's bottle deposit program, prevented producer responsibility legislation aimed at streamlining the addition of products that could be recycled, and made hunting of bears his top priority, and voted against the environment on ten separate bills.

Senator Len Suzio As a freshman and newly appointed co-chair of the Children's Committee, Senator Suzio's voting record is in stark contrast to that of his predecessor who regularly championed important bills affecting children's health. This year, Senator Suzio actively worked against legislation to eliminate toxic rubber mulch from playgrounds and received the second lowest score in the Senate among his peers.



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SENATE SCORES	PARTY	DISTRICT #	2017 OVERALL SCORE (%)	LIFETIME SCORE (%)	SJ 39 Constitutional Amendment	SB 106 Millstone Nuclear	SB 285 Penalty for Environmental Violations	SB 522 Bear Hunting	SB 753 Water Bottling	SB 778 Millstone Nuclear	SB 818 Penalty for Environmental Violations	SB 996 Bottle Bill Repeal
Berthel	R	32	33%	33%		0%		0%		0%	0%	0%
Boucher	R	26	50%	77%				0%		0%	0%	
Bye	D	5	100%	91%				100%		100%	100%	
Cassano	D	4	55%	80%		0%		50%		0%	0%	
Doyle	D	9	71%	86%				100%		0%	0%	
Duff	D	25	67%	91%				100%		0%	0%	
Fasano	R	34	57%	78%		100%		0%		0%	0%	
Flexer	D	29	95%	98%	100%		100%	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Fonfara	D	1	78%	92%		0%		100%			0%	
Formica	R	20	43%	73%				0%		0%	0%	0%
Frantz	R	36	43%	72%		0%		0%		0%	0%	
Gerratana	D	6	89%	89%				100%		100%	100%	100%
Gomes	D	23	71%	90%				100%		0%	100%	
Guglielmo	R	35	57%	84%		100%		0%		0%	0%	
Hartley	D	15	50%	84%		0%		100%		0%	0%	0%
Hwang	R	28	56%	85%				0%		0%	0%	
Kelly	R	21	50%	79%				0%		0%	0%	
Kennedy	D	12	87%	92%			100%	67%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Kissel	R	7	38%	79%				0%			0%	0%
Larson	D	3	57%	82%				100%		0%	0%	
Leone	D	27	93%	88%				100%		100%	50%	
Linares	R	33	57%	74%				0%		0%	0%	
Logan	R	17	57%	57%				0%			0%	
Looney	D	11	71%	91%		0%		100%		0%	100%	
Markley	R	16	50%	85%				0%		100%	0%	0%
Martin	R	31	43%	74%				0%		0%	0%	
McCrary	D	2	75%	75%				100%		100%	100%	
McLachlan	R	24	44%	75%	100%			0%		0%	0%	
Miner	R	30	44%	44%			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Moore	D	22	89%	90%		0%		100%		100%	100%	
Osten	D	19	78%	90%		100%		100%		0%	0%	100%
Slossberg	D	14	56%	87%	100%	0%		100%		0%	0%	0%
Somers	R	18	41%	41%			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Suzio	R	13	40%	40%		0%		0%		100%	0%	
Winfield	D	10	75%	81%				100%		0%	100%	100%
Witkos	R	8	60%	85%				0%			0%	



SB 998 Regulatory Rollbacks	HB 5618 Bottle Bill Expansion	HB 5873 Pesticides on Railroads	HB 5884 Coal Tar Sealants	HB 6008 MDC Consumer Advocate	HB 6313 Plastic Bags	HB 6327 DEEP Permits	HB 6329 Fracking Waste	HB 6335 Ivory & Rhino Horn Trade	HB 6998 Toxic Rubber Mulch	HB 7067 Product Stewardship	HB 7097 Electric Vehicles	HB 7134 Consent Orders	HB 7221 Access to Water Information	SENATE SCORES
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Abercrombie	D	83	86%	89%		100%					100%		
Ackert	R	8	67%	78%						0%			
Adams	D	146	80%	90%									
Albis	D	99	100%	95%									
Altobello	D	82	67%	84%									
Arce	D	4	83%	83%									
Arconti	D	109	56%	83%		0%	0%	100%	0%		0%	0%	100%
Aresimowicz	D	30	80%	87%									
Baker	D	124	71%	83%		100%					0%		
Baram	D	15	67%	87%									
Belsito	R	53	31%	59%							100%		
Berger	D	73	80%	81%									
Betts	R	78	70%	62%									
Bocchino	R	150	58%	73%		0%							
Bolinsky	R	106	50%	67%		0%					0%		
Borer	D	115	78%	78%		100%	100%	100%	0%		50%	100%	100%
Boyd	D	50	83%	83%									
Buckbee	R	67	50%	50%						0%			
Butler	D	72	83%	84%									
Byron	R	27	59%	73%			0%	100%	0%		100%	0%	100%
Camillo	R	151	67%	71%						0%			
Candelaria, J	D	95	86%	90%		100%					100%		
Candelora, V	R	86	50%	59%									
Carney	R	23	67%	78%			0%	100%	0%		0%	0%	100%
Carpino	R	32	58%	74%									
Case	R	63	64%	67%		100%					0%		
Cheeseman	R	37	50%	50%		0%							
Conley	D	40	71%	71%									
Cook	D	65	80%	91%									
Cummings	R	74	64%	64%	100%								
Currey	D	11	63%	81%		0%					0%		
D'Agostino	D	91	75%	84%						0%			
D'Amelio	R	71	70%	66%									
Dauphinais	R	44	33%	33%									
Davis	R	57	50%	68%		0%							



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de la Cruz	D	41	80%	80%										
Delnicki	R	14	71%	71%										
Demicco	D	21	83%	97%		100%	100%	100%	0%		100%	100%	100%	
Devlin	R	134	86%	82%	100%									
Dillon	D	92	74%	90%			0%	100%	0%		50%	100%	100%	
DiMassa	D	116	86%	86%		100%					100%			
Dubitsky	R	47	46%	51%			0%	0%	0%		100%	0%	100%	
Duff	R	2	75%	75%		100%								
Dunsby	R	135	45%	45%			0%	100%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Elliot	D	88	71%	71%		0%								
Ferguson	R	138	75%	75%										
Ferraro	R	117	58%	73%		0%								
Fishbein	R	90	43%	43%		100%				0%				
Fleischmann	D	18	83%	96%							100%			
Floren	R	149	63%	77%										
Fox	D	148	86%	83%	100%									
France	R	42	50%	50%	100%	0%					100%			
Frey	R	111	60%	77%										
Fusco	R	81	50%	50%										
Genga	D	10	83%	89%							100%			
Gentile	D	104	71%	81%						0%				
Godfrey	D	110	80%	90%										
Gonzalez	D	3	100%	89%							100%			
Green	R	55	58%	58%										
Gresko	D	121	63%	77%		0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	100%	100%	
Guerrera	D	29	83%	87%										
Haddad	D	54	100%	95%	100%	100%					100%			
Hall, Carol	R	59	50%	50%		0%					0%			
Hall, Josh	D	7	67%	67%										
Hampton	D	16	67%	90%						0%				
Harding	R	107	47%	61%			0%	0%	0%		100%	0%	100%	
Hennessy	D	127	83%	93%										
Hoydick	R	120	50%	75%		0%								
Johnson	D	49	86%	91%		100%					100%			
Klarides	R	114	88%	76%										



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Klarides-Ditria	R	105	75%	75%									
Kokoruda	R	101	44%	74%		0%					0%		
Kupchick	R	132	67%	83%									
Labriola	R	131	71%	75%	100%								
Lavielle	R	143	83%	89%									
LeGeyt	R	17	38%	80%		0%							
Lemar	D	96	100%	95%									
Lesser	D	100	100%	98%	100%								
Linehan	D	103	61%	61%			0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Lopes	D	24	71%	90%									
Luxenberg	D	12	83%	91%									
McLachlan	R	35	75%	73%									
McCarthy Vahey	D	133	86%	88%	100%								
McCarty	R	38	50%	76%		0%					0%		
McGee	D	5	83%	88%									
McGorty	R	122	39%	57%			0%	0%	0%				
Miller	D	145	86%	90%	100%								
Morin	D	28	57%	83%						0%			
Morris	D	140	50%	87%									
Mushinsky	D	85	83%	97%			100%	100%	0%		100%	100%	100%
O'Dea	R	125	67%	71%									
O'Neill	R	69	50%	81%		0%					0%		
Ohler	R	64	64%	64%		100%					0%		
Orange	D	48	80%	90									
Paolillo	D	97	75%	75									
Pavalock-D'Amato	R	77	36%	65			0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%
Perillo	R	113	58%	63%									
Perone	D	137	88%	87%		100%					100%		
Petit	R	22	56%	56%		100%				0%	0%		
Piscopo	R	76	33%	38%		0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%
Poletta	R	68	50%	50%									
Porter	D	94	86%	89%		100%					0%		
Rebimbas	R	70	64%	71%	100%								
Reed	D	102	78%	93%		0%							
Reyes	D	75	66%	77%		100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	50%	0%	100%



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Riley	D	46	83%	82%										
Ritter	D	1	80%	87%										
Rojas	D	9	71%	81%										
Rosario	D	128	88%	89%		100%						100%		
Rose	D	118	80%	95%										
Rovero	D	51	100%	92%										
Rutigliano	R	123	70%	68%										
Ryan	D	139	61%	88%		0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	100%	100%	
Sampson	R	80	43%	57%	100%									
Sanchez	D	25	80%	89%										
Santiago, E.	D	130	67%	79%			0%	0%	0%		0%	100%	100%	
Santiago, H.	D	84	86%	87%	100%									
Scanlon	D	98	67%	82%										
Serra	D	33	71%	84%										
Siegrist	R	36	80%	80%										
Simanski	R	62	64%	72%										
Simmons	D	144	67%	82%							0%			
Skulczyck	R	45	67%	67%							0%			
Slap	D	19	84%	84%		100%	100%	100%	0%		100%	100%	100%	
Smith	R	108	50%	59%										
Soto	D	39	67%	67%								0%		
Sredzinski	R	112	58%	67%		0%								
Srinivasan	R	31	44%	69%			0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Stafstrom	D	129	78%	82%										
Stallworth	D	126	80%	85%										
Staneski	R	119	71%	72%		100%						0%		
Steinberg	D	136	71%	89%		0%								
Stokes	R	58	64%	64%		0%						100%		
Storms	R	60	56%	56%		0%						0%		
Tercyak	D	26	100%	94%		100%						100%		
Tong	D	147	53%	85%			0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Tweedie	R	13	45%	62%		0%	0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Urban	D	43	83%	94%										
Vail	R	52	80%	82%										
Vargas	D	6	65%	89%			0%	0%	0%		100%	100%	100%	



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	100%	100%			50%			0%				100%	Sredzinski
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Verrengia	D	20	83%	83%										
Walker	D	93	63%	92%		0%					0%			
Wilms	R	142	65%	63%		0%					100%			
Wilson	R	66	43%	43%			0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Winkler	D	56	88%	88%	100%									
Wood	R	141	83%	81%										
Yaccarino	R	87	57%	81%						0%				
Zawistowski	R	61	70%	68%		0%					100%			
Ziobron	R	34	45%	68%			0%	0%	0%		0%	0%	100%	
Ziogas	D	79	65%	65%			0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	
Zupkus	R	89	58%	72%										

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BILLS THAT WERE SCORED



LAND

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT OPEN SPACE

SJ 39 - Resolution Approving an Amendment to the State Constitution to Protect Real Property Held or Controlled by the State: SUPPORT / FAILED

To place a constitutional amendment referendum on the statewide ballot, the General Assembly must pass a joint resolution for two consecutive legislative sessions. Senate Joint Resolution 36 (now Resolution Act 16-1) was passed by both chambers in 2016 to amend the State Constitution to better protect our public lands from being sold, swapped, or given away without adequate review. This year's resolution attempted to finalize the initiative and passed the Government Administration and Elections Committee with unanimous bipartisan support where the vote is scored. However, the resolution died when it was not raised in the Senate. The referendum can still go forward if the resolution is passed again in 2018.

ENERGY

MILLSTONE NUCLEAR PLANT

SB 106 - Concerning the Diversity of Baseload Energy Supplies in the State and Achieving Connecticut's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mandated Levels: OPPOSE / FAILED

SB 778 - Concerning Expenses for Consultants Borne by Telecommunications Providers. (Millstone): OPPOSE / FAILED

The original intent of this bill was to allow the operator of the Millstone nuclear plant (Dominion Power) to compete directly for contracts as a renewable energy source like wind, solar, and hydropower. Dominion threatened to close its plant if the State of Connecticut did not provide access to specific ratepayer funds to subsidize its profitability. Energy, environmental, and consumer groups strongly opposed this legislation for several reasons. First, Millstone refused to open its books to demonstrate legitimate financial need. Second, Millstone produces a large amount of radioactive waste, and this attempt to redefine nuclear power as a clean, renewable energy would undercut investments in truly renewable technologies that are rapidly expanding in our state.

The Governor has ordered DEEP to conduct a study of the Millstone nuclear facility to provide a basis for recommendations on how best to resolve this problem. The issue is scored on two separate bills: SB 106 is scored in the Energy and Technology Committee and the Appropriations Committee. SB 778 is scored only in the Senate after it was amended to include the Millstone language. Legislators received an overall score on the issue based on all votes cast during the regular session. Millstone legislation resurfaced and passed

KEY

HB = House Bill
SB = Senate Bill
SJ = Senate Joint Resolution
SUPPORT / OPPOSE =
Environmental Position
PASSED / FAILED =
Legislative Response



the Senate during the special session in September, but the issue remains unresolved as of this writing. Only votes cast during the regular session are part of this year's scorecard.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

HB 7097 - Concerning the Licensing of New and Used Car Dealers: SUPPORT / FAILED

Connecticut currently prevents innovative electric vehicle manufacturers, most notably Tesla, from selling their vehicles directly to consumers, stifling growth in the electric vehicle marketplace. HB 7097 would have encouraged continued growth in electric vehicle sales, expanded consumer choice, and helped Connecticut cut pollution by getting more zero emission vehicles on the road. This bill is scored in the Transportation Committee and the Finance Committee.

ENFORCEMENT

PENALTY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

SB 285 - Concerning the Suspension of Certain Civil Penalties Assessed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on Business Entities Pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies: OPPOSE / FAILED

SB 818 - Concerning the Suspension of Civil Penalties Imposed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on Certain Business Entities Pursuant to State Regulations: OPPOSE / FAILED

HB 7063 - Concerning Information Included in the Notice of Intended Action For Proposed Regulations and Authorizing the Suspension of Civil Penalties Imposed on Certain Business Entities Pursuant to Regulations: OPPOSE / FAILED

One of many attempts to weaken enforcement of environmental laws, SB 285 would have allowed a company to benefit from its own violation by



allowing the amount of the penalty payment to be applied to meet its pre-existing legal obligation. So instead of following the law to avoid violations, a company could wait until it was caught and then avoid the penalty by applying the amount of the fine to remediate the damage. The bill was amended to specify that it would not apply to violations harming the environment, but the intent of the bill was still to weaken DEEP's ability to enforce existing law. This bill is scored in the Environment Committee.

Another bill to weaken environmental law, SB 818 would have required DEEP to suspend civil penalties assessed against a business for a first-time violation of environmental regulations. This bill was scored in the Commerce Committee and Senate. A similar bill, HB 7063, is scored only in the House,

where it was amended to suspend civil penalties against violators of environmental regulation. Votes are not counted in the Commerce Committee or Government Administration and Elections Committee, where the it passed but did not yet contain significant anti-environmental provisions.

ELIMINATING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY ROLLBACKS

SB 998 - Concerning the Solicitation of High-Priority Regulatory Concerns by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection from a State-Wide Business Organization: OPPOSE / FAILED

This legislation required DEEP to needlessly tie up resources soliciting a list of three environmental protection regulations that the Connecticut Business and Industry Association considered to be burdensome. Environmental regulations are developed to protect public health and natural resources based on data and criteria, and there are ample opportunities for public input. This bill is scored in the Environment Committee.



DEEP PERMITS

HB 6327 - Concerning the Process for the Issuance of Certain General Permits by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: OPPOSE / FAILED

This bill attempted to make general permits issued by the DEEP go through the regulatory process before taking effect. This would have unnecessarily complicated the department's job and weakened its ability to ensure applicants comply with policies that protect our air and water. The bill was voted down by the Environment Committee, where it is scored.

CONSENT ORDERS

HB 7134 - Concerning Consent Orders Entered Into by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection: OPPOSE / FAILED

For the second year, a bill was introduced in the Judiciary Committee to stop DEEP from changing or withdrawing a "Consent Order" against a specific polluter who had violated a clean-up agreement and was still refusing to cooperate. Although the bill would clearly circumvent our state's environmental protection laws for the benefit of one company, the bill still passed the Environment Committee, underscoring the lack of a pro-environment majority on this key committee. HB 7134 is scored in the Judiciary Committee and Environment Committee.

WILDLIFE

BEAR HUNTING

SB 522 - Authorizing Bear Hunting in Connecticut: OPPOSE / FAILED

This bill sought to authorize recreational bear hunting in the state of Connecticut. Recent experiences in other states (such as New Jersey, where hunting was reckless and indiscriminate, or Florida, where the hunt had to be cut short citing too many bears killed in just the first year) should be a red flag against this new proposal. It is scored in the Environment Committee in its original form.

An amendment was offered in the Senate to add language restricting the sale of ivory but was narrowly defeated. A second amendment was voted on that successfully replaced the entire bear hunting bill with language banning the importation of the "big five" endangered African animals (or their parts). The Senate deadlocked in a partisan 18-18 tie, and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman cast the deciding vote to pass the amendment. These

changes required the bill to be sent back to committee, where it died. Votes are included on the underlying bill in the Environment Committee and on both amendments in the Senate.

SALE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN TRADE

HB 6335 - Prohibiting the Sale and Trade of Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn in Connecticut: SUPPORT / FAILED

Trade in ivory and endangered species is a grave international problem that is greatly impacted by how our nation and each state choose to restrict these activities. The commercial demand for ivory has led to the illegal poaching of hundreds of thousands of elephants and rhinoceroses, which are often brutally killed for their tusks and horns, and is a major funding source for terrorist organizations. Connecticut should join New York and New Jersey to pass a state ban on ivory trafficking to help stop criminals who capitalize on loopholes in the legal trade laws as a cover for illegal ivory. This bill is scored in the Environment Committee.

WATER

LARGE-SCALE WATER BOTTLING

SB 753 - Concerning Commercial Bottled Water Operations and State Streamflow Regulations and the State Water Plan: OPPOSE / FAILED

Connecticut is at a critical new stage in the effort to protect our state's increasingly threatened public waters—both for people and for the health of our environment. Connecticut's system of "grandfathered" registrations and permitting requirements must be updated to properly handle new threats such as large-scale water bottling operations or increasing drought due to climate change. Despite the efforts of advocates and legislative champions, the Environment Committee refused to raise the legislation. Instead, a bill to study the expansion of water bottling was offered and opposed by all water advocates involved. Volumes of testimony was presented by citizens



asking the committee to address the shortcomings of our state's water management policies and enact legislation that would

1. require permits for new large-scale water diversions
2. provide incentives for water conservation, and
3. ensure that clean-water project charges are not waived.

This bill is scored in the Environment Committee.

MDC CONSUMER ADVOCATE

HB 6008 - Establishing an Independent Consumer Advocate for Metropolitan District of Hartford County Consumers: SUPPORT / PASSED

The battle in 2016 over a predatory water bottling company buying local water rights without the public's knowledge or consent demonstrated the need for better transparency and oversight of our state's water management. HB 6008 establishes an Independent Consumer Advocate who will keep the public better informed and involved in major decisions concerning the state's water resources controlled by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC). The bill requires the consumer advocate to be independent of MDC's board, and the MDC must pay the cost of the advocate. The bill is scored in the Planning and Development Committee, Senate and House.

ACCESS TO WATER PLANNING INFORMATION

HB 7221 - Concerning Access to Water Planning Information: SUPPORT / PASSED

In 2002 and 2003, water utilities pushed through laws to keep formerly public information secret. Key data is still being withheld from citizens that is crucial to making informed decisions on how to best manage Connecticut's water and enact a comprehensive statewide water plan. This shortage of data directly affects the welfare of our state, its citizens, and the environment.

Water companies have successfully insisted on secrecy for plans for future water sources that may never be developed but that meanwhile may be used to claim new water rights. Legislation to provide public access to water planning information was blocked this year by the Environment Committee but was successfully re-introduced and passed by the Public Health Committee as HB 7221. The bill is scored in the Public Health Committee, Government Administrations and Elections Committee, Senate, and House.

MANAGING WASTE

BOTTLE BILL

SB 996 - Establishing a Bottle Recycling Fee in Lieu of a Refundable Deposit: OPPOSE / FAILED

HB 5618 - Concerning an Increase in the Handling Fee for Bottle Redemption Centers: SUPPORT / FAILED

In an effort to dismantle Connecticut's landmark recycling law known as the "Bottle Bill," beverage distributors launched a concerted and well-funded effort to kill the program and replace it with a 4-cent tax. In response, a coalition of advocates fought back, offering legislative solutions to modernize the program and expand the types of containers that could be included.



Meanwhile, the amount paid to the recycling handlers had not been increased in almost 40 years, and many handlers were going out of business. The distributors' push to replace the deposit program entirely with curbside recycling would not produce quality recyclable material, as the material picked up by the haulers is often contaminated and becomes landfill waste or litter. This becomes a new cost to towns.

The inability of the Environment Committee to decide on the best course of action led to the passage of two conflicting bills: one to expand the bottle bill, and one to replace it. SB 996 would replace the Bottle Bill with a new tax and is scored in the Environment Committee and the Appropriations Committee. HB 5618 is the pro-environment bill to expand the types of containers included in the program and to increase the handling fee for redemption centers that bear the cost of processing returned bottles by consumers. HB 5618 is scored in the Environment Committee.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

HB 6313 - Establishing a Tax on Single-Use Plastic and Paper Bags: SUPPORT / FAILED

Plastic pollution, especially single-use plastic bags, are a global environmental problem, clogging waterways, harming marine life, and creating toxic pollution. Following the successful ban enacted in Westport, CT, and other communities across the country, this bill attempted to implement a 4-cent tax on single-use plastic bags to encourage use of reusable bags. Proceeds were intended to help support maintenance of state parks. A vote on the bill is scored in the Environment Committee.

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

HB 7067 - Concerning the Implementation of an Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Consumer Packaging: SUPPORT / FAILED

Instead of creating a new stewardship program for specific goods every year, this bill sought to create

an all-encompassing program that would allow the efficient incorporation of certain goods into the existing program. Although the bill passed the Environment Committee, it was subsequently blocked by one of the Senate co-chairs in order to obtain changes to an existing program regarding paint reclamation.

TOXIC CHEMICALS

PESTICIDES ON RAILROADS

HB 5873 - Requiring Notice Prior to Pesticide Applications by Railroad Companies and Requiring Vegetation Management Plans by Such Companies: SUPPORT / FAILED

Indiscriminate fog spraying of pesticides in Connecticut's northwest corner recently led to the destruction of native local vegetation, including but not limited to White Pine trees. HB 5873 initially required railroad companies to provide prior notice of pesticide applications along railroad rights-of-way; required vegetation management plans to be filed with the state and each town affected; and allowed for public hearings. The bill is scored in the Environment Committee and Planning and Development Committee, but no further action was taken and the bill died.

COAL TAR SEALANTS

HB 5884 - Prohibiting the Use of Coal Tar Sealants on State and Local Highways: SUPPORT / PASSED

Studies have shown that coal tar-based sealants contain carcinogens that are harmful to human and aquatic life. Once applied, these sealants wear down over time and end up in rivers and streams. HB 5884 was one of the few successful bills to pass the House and Senate this session, effectively prohibiting the use of coal tar sealants on any state or local highway. This bill is scored in the Environment Committee, House and Senate.

FRACKING WASTE

HB 6329 - Concerning Hydraulic Fracturing Waste in Connecticut: SUPPORT / FAILED

Hydraulic "fracking" produces highly toxic waste. While the waste is not produced in Connecticut, other states that have fracking operations must find disposal sites in states willing to accept the waste. Transported or stored, there is the risk of accidents, spills, and contamination of private and public lands, drinking water, and sensitive habitat.

Connecticut previously passed a moratorium on all fracking waste that was due to expire in July 2017 or until the DEEP could develop regulations to handle the waste.

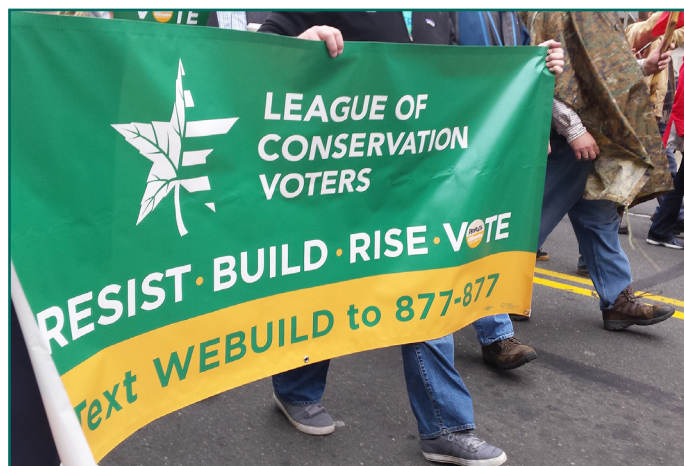
The DEEP has not yet proposed regulations, and a growing number of towns across the state (now more than 20) have passed their own local bans. This bill asked lawmakers to permanently ban fracking waste outright for the entire state, and not to extend the moratorium or produce regulations that would allow the waste to be transported, stored, handled, or disposed of in our state. The legislation had strong bipartisan support in the House but was not raised for a vote in the Senate. The bill is scored in the Environment Committee and the House.



TOXIC RUBBER MULCH ON PLAYGROUNDS

HB 6998 - Concerning the use of Recycled Tire Rubber at Municipal and Public School Playgrounds: SUPPORT / FAILED

Rubber mulch carries many carcinogens, heavy metals, and irritants, any of which are a dangerous health hazard to young children. This bill sought to prohibit the use of toxic crumb rubber mulch—material recycled from motor vehicle tires—on playgrounds where young children are exposed. There was significant opposition from individual legislators in both the Committee on Children, and the Planning and Development Committee, where the bill is scored.



BILLS THAT WERE NOT SCORED

MORE ASSAULTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT...

SB 128 - Exempting New Businesses from State Regulations: OPPOSE / FAILED

This legislation sought to exempt start-up businesses from state regulations for the first two years of operation. It would allow new businesses to ignore basic laws that were established to protect our health and environment. The Commerce Committee did not act on this bill so it was not scored, but similar language was later introduced in SB 818, which is scored as anti-environment.

HB 5502 - Requiring the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to Notify Commercial Project Applications of Deficiencies within Ninety Days: OPPOSE / FAILED

The original bill language was amended and was no longer a significant threat during the regular session, so it was not scored. However, a much more egregious version of the same initiative resurfaced in the budget that was passed by lawmakers but vetoed by the governor. The issue is pending as of this writing.

UNRESOLVED ENERGY ISSUES...

Many significant proposals to move Connecticut closer to a clean energy economy were held hostage in a large omnibus energy bill geared to entice

advocates to accept the Millstone nuclear power plant deal sought by Dominion Power. Other positive initiatives simply died without action. Below are a few worth noting that should not have died in the Energy and Technology Committee.

SB 630 - Concerning the Renewable Portfolio Standard: SUPPORT / FAILED

This legislation sought to strengthen and extend Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). The RPS requires utilities to gradually increase the proportion of electricity they purchase from renewable sources. Connecticut's current RPS doesn't extend beyond 2020, and it is weaker than those of all the surrounding states. A stronger RPS would have helped us meet our climate goals while creating more green jobs and improving public health. This bill died because of no action in the Energy and Technology Committee, and could not be scored.

SB 973 - Concerning a Residential Sustainable Energy Program: SUPPORT / FAILED

This bill would have created a Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (R-PACE) program, a sustainable energy program modeled after the Green Bank's successful C-PACE program that is available for commercial property. Financing for C-PACE (the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program) was extended this year in a

separate bill, HB 7208. The R-PACE program was strongly supported by clean energy and environmental advocates. However, a key problem with the bill was the removal of the requirement for a home energy audit before financing the homeowner's investment, which would undermine the program. The bill died in the Energy and Technology Committee before it could be fully negotiated.

HB 7036 - Promoting the use of Fuel Cells for Electric Distribution System Benefits and Reliability and Amending Various Energy-Related Programs and Requirements: OPPOSE CONSUMER IMPACT SECTION / PASSED

Advocates opposed a section in HB 7036 that could negatively impact how clean energy would be evaluated. The language involved cost/benefit analysis regarding "customer impact" that might only be based on cost, not taking into account other benefits of clean energy. The Senate co-chairs of the Energy and Technology Committee made statements to clarify the legislative intent of the bill and called for broader evaluation of the costs and benefits beyond the dollar amount. HB 7036 passed with the bad consumer impact language, and energy and environmental advocates agreed with lawmakers to address the issue at a later date.

NO PROGRESS ON PESTICIDES...

SB 754 - Prohibiting the use of Herbicides on State Highways by the Department of Transportation: SUPPORT / FAILED

This proposal would have prohibited the use of herbicides along state highways. The state uses large quantities of these toxic substances in controlling unwanted vegetation along state roads, typically applied by spraying, often along guard rails. These herbicides can be harmful to wildlife and humans, and reduction in their use has been a longtime goal of environmental and health advocates. However, an overnight, total ban, with no proposed substitute, was essentially unfeasible. Advocates generally have called for a safer program, using, for example, mechanical means of plant removal, encouragement of less troublesome vegetation, and reduction of herbicide use in sensitive areas (such as streams, wetlands, and pollinator habitats).

WATER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL...

Below is a long list of proposals offered by advocates and legislative champions to address well-documented problems with our state's management of its water resources. Every single proposal was ignored by the leadership of the Environment Committee, which instead chose to raise a bill to study expansion of the bottled water industry in Connecticut, which is scored negatively. The titles below indicate the purpose of the good bills, but most had no public hearing to develop full proposals.

HB 5619 - Concerning the Regulation of Bottled Water Produced in Connecticut: SUPPORT / FAILED

HB 6319 - Concerning Water Rates for Water Bottlers in the State: SUPPORT / FAILED

HB 6323 - Promoting Water Conservation and Assuring Adequate Water Supply: SUPPORT / FAILED

HB 6341 - Requiring Diversion Permits for Large-Scale Water Bottling Operations: SUPPORT / FAILED

HB 6342 - Concerning Uniform Assessment of Clean Water Project Charges by the Metropolitan District Commission: SUPPORT / FAILED

TIRE RECYCLING...

HB 6352 - Concerning Beneficial End Uses in Connecticut for Discarded Tires and the Establishment of a Tire Hauler License: SUPPORT / FAILED

The original bill sought to establish a tire take-back program but was badly amended in the Environment Committee, resulting in a bill to establish a tire hauler license program for workers transporting discarded tires. As such, there is no vote to score the original version of the bill.



MUNICIPAL OPTION TO FUND LAND CONSERVATION BLOCKED...

HB 6926 - Concerning Municipal Open Space Properties and Funding for the Purchase of Such Properties: SUPPORT / FAILED

Municipalities struggle to find adequate funding for open space acquisition and stewardship. This bill sought to generate funds for land conservation and stewardship. HB 6926 would have allowed municipalities the “local option” of collecting revenue through a limited buyer’s fee on the transfer of real estate. The revenue generated by this fee would provide a dedicated local funding source for land conservation, including farmland, forests, and open space in both rural and urban communities. The proposal did NOT require municipalities to adopt the local option, and included protections for first-time home buyers and low-income individuals by exempting purchases of \$150,000 or less from the new fee. In a time of funding cutbacks to towns, this proven tool would have provided much needed revenue at no cost to the state. HB 6926 died because of behind-the-scenes opposition by members of the Planning and Development Committee.

BATTLE OVER PUBLIC LANDS CONTINUES....

HB 7278 - Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels and Easements of State Land

Every year, a land conveyance bill is put forward to transfer or sell publicly held lands to towns that ask for these parcels of property. The law was created to allow for the efficient transfer of small excess

pieces of land held by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Department of Transportation, Department of Economic and Community Development, or other state agencies without the need for an extensive review and evaluation as is required under the regular agency procedures. These transfers are completely exempt from all state law and oversight. Legislators have increasingly abused this law to grab land that would otherwise not be allowed through the regular agency process. Even when there is a public hearing, last minute additions routinely make it into the bill and many are environmentally significant. This year’s bill was no different. That is why advocates are fighting for a constitutional amendment to provide transparency for each transfer separately. It would require a supermajority vote by the legislature for each parcel separately, and not allow packaging up the good transfers in order to pass the bad ones. (See SJ 39)

This year, the land conveyance bill included proposals to sell or give away three parcels of state land, which were of major environmental significance. Sections concerned Shade Swamp Sanctuary Wildlife Management Area, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection property near the former Mystic Oral School, and Babcock Wildlife Management Area in Colchester. Public outcry from land conservation advocates persuaded legislative proponents of each of the parcels to withdraw the controversial sections. We are grateful for their willingness to hear our concerns and not to force these transfers through a deeply flawed process. This again underscores the need to pass a constitutional amendment to protect public lands so that these proposed transfers are fully vetted on their own, not as part of a package in the Conveyance Bill.



HOW DOES CTLCV PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT?

CTLCV formed in 1998 as a bipartisan, nonprofit organization to protect the environment. We focus on Connecticut’s elected leaders at the State Legislature to impact a broad range of state policies impacting air, land, water, wildlife, transportation, energy, and climate change.

CTLCV brings advocacy groups together to create a stronger, unified voice at the Legislature. We actively work to broaden and diversify the environmental movement in partnership with Leagues in 28 states. We are helping many newly formed citizen groups

get involved in environmental issues at the State Capitol.

This is a critical time – our environment is under devastating attacks from Washington, and the battle lines are increasingly being drawn by the states.

Like our members, CTLCV’s board of directors comes from both parties from all over the state.

We must involve more people—people from all communities and backgrounds—to have a stronger voice at the Legislature. You are needed!

We help shape the agenda before each legislative session.

CTLCV convenes an Environmental Summit in Hartford every year. Participants are leaders of advocacy groups, legislators, and members of the Administration (including the *Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Health, and the Governor’s Office*).

The Summit is an important platform to identify and discuss major issues before the legislative session begins. We:

- clarify potential solutions to the environmental problems we must address
- develop approaches for legislation, and
- connect people working on similar issues.

An overview of the 2016 Environmental Summit, which identified many issues that became bills in the 2017 legislative session, is on our website’s home page at www.ctlcv.org.

CTLCV begins tracking specific bills and works with allies to push for legislation at the Capitol all session. We inform lawmakers which bills are on our legislative watchlist, then we send “action alerts” to our members before public hearings and “scorecard alerts” to legislators before critical votes.

We have unique tools, as a political organization, to hold lawmakers accountable, including this Scorecard and our endorsements of pro-environment candidates in election years.

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