

Environment Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 26, 2021

10:10 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM by Chairman, Rep. Borer D. 115.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cohen C. S12; Haskell W. S26; Kasser A. S36; Kushner J. S24;  
Miner C. S30; Slap D. S05

Representatives: Berger-Girvalo A. 111; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Callahan P.  
108; Chafee B. 033; Demicco M. 021; Dillon P. 092; Dubitsky D.  
047; Gresko J. 121; Gucker K. 138; Harding S. 107; Harrison C.  
069; Hennessy J. 127; Horn M. 064; Michel D. 146; Mushinsky M.  
085; Palm C. 036; Parker J. 101; Piscopo J. 076; Rebimbas R. 070;  
Reyes G. 075; Ryan K. 139; Smith F. 118; Wilson D. 066; Young P.  
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Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Fishbein C. 090; O'Dea T. 125

Chair Rep. Borer made opening remarks that meeting would be recessed upon opening meeting to discuss items with Committee Leadership.

Meeting reconvened by Chair Rep. Borer at 12:01PM. Chair Rep. Borer asked for opening comments. Sen. Miner stated about taking some extra time to review the contents of the bill and some issues. Rep. Harding stated about resolving some issues with bills.

A motion was made to move the following bills out of Committee for JFS to the Floor.

#### I. BILLS FOR REVIEW

[S.B. No. 837](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING FOAM. (ENV)

Motion for JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Rep. Gucker. Seconded by Sen. Cohen. Sen. Miner has comments implementation of the bill, if the bill is not called to the floor prior to April 1, 2020.

[S.B. No. 838](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO CERTAIN FISHING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. (ENV)

Motion to JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Rep. Wilson. Seconded by Rep. Piscopo. Rep. Gresko Offered Amendment. LCO Towson Read the Amendment. Amendment passed by Voice Vote.

[S.B. No. 839](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS AND PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE. (ENV)

Motion to JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Sen. Miner. Seconded by Rep. Harding.

[S.B. No. 840](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SHELLFISH RESTORATION PROGRAM AND THE CONNECTICUT SEAFOOD COUNCIL. (ENV)

Motion to JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Rep. Dillon. Comments by Sen. Cohen in support of the bill. Comments by Rep. Michel on bill. Comments by Rep. Gresko on bill. Comments by Rep. Demicco on bill. Comments by Rep. Dillion on bill. Comments by Sen. Miner on bill. Comments by Rep. Hennessy on bill.

[H.B. No. 6385](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS. (ENV)

Motion to JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Sen. Miner. Seconded by Rep. Harding. Comments by Rep. Dubitsky on the bill. Clarification of bill changes by LCO Towson.

[H.J. No. 53](#) (COMM) RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN. (ENV)

Motion to JFS to the Floor Rep. Borer. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Sen. Miner. Comments on bill by Sen. Cohen.

The meeting remained open until 2:30PM for votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.

Next meeting is the Public Hearing Meeting on March 3, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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Gaia McDermott  
Committee Clerk

Steve Smith  
Assistant Committee Clerk