

Environment Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 12, 2021

10:14 AM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM by Chairman, Sen. Cohen C. S12.

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; Fishbein C. 090; Gresko J. 121; Gucker K. 138; Harding S.  
107; Harrison C. 069; Hennessy J. 127; Horn M. 064; Michel D.  
146; Mushinsky M. 085; O'Dea T. 125; 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. 120

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Meeting convened by Sen. Cohen. Initial opening comments made by Sen. Miner.

I. BILLS FOR REVIEW

1. [S.B. No. 925](#) (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES. (ENV) **JFS to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Rep. Michel. Comment by Rep. Dubitsky. Comment by Rep. Michel. Comment by Sen. Miner. Comment by Rep. Harding. Comment by Rep. Rebimbas. Comment by Rep. O'Dea. Comment by Rep. Wilson. Comment by LCO Towson.

2. [S.B. No. 927](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW STATUTE. (ENV) **JFS to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Sen. Miner. Seconded by Rep. Gresko. Comment by Rep. Piscopo. Comment by LCO Towson. Comment by Sen. Miner.

3. [S.B. No. 931](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES. (ENV) **JF to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Michel. Seconded by Rep. Hennessy. Comments by Rep. Mushinsky. Comments by Rep. Wilson. Comments by Rep. Dubitsky. Comments by Sen. Miner. Comments by Rep. O'Dea.

4. [H.B. No. 6499](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RADIATION SECURITY. (ENV) **JFS to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Hennessy. Seconded by Rep. Palm. Comments by Rep. Harding.

5. [H.B. No. 6502](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS, THE AVAILABILITY OF SINGLE-USE STRAWS, THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN BALLOONS AND THE COMPOSTABLE NATURE OF SINGLE-USE PRODUCE BAGS. (ENV) **JF to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Michel. Seconded by Rep. Hennessy. Comments by Rep. Harding. Amendment by Rep. Harding. Seconded by Rep. Wilson. Comments by LCO Towson. Comments by Sen. Miner. Comments by Rep. Fishbein. Comments by Rep. Mushinsky. Amendment failed. Comments by Sen. Slap.

6. [H.B. No. 6501](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. (ENV) **JFS to the Floor**

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Hennessy. Seconded by Rep. Gresko. Comments by Sen. Miner.

7. [H.B. No. 6500](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S HEMP PROGRAM STATUTE. (ENV) ***JFS to the Floor***

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Rep. Hennessy. Comments by Sen. Miner.

8. [H.B. No. 6497](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STORMWATER AUTHORITIES. (ENV) ***JF to the Floor***

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Rep. Hennessy. Comments by Rep. Dubitsky. Amendment proposed by Rep. Dubitsky. Comments by LCO Towson. Comments by Rep. Miner. Amendment withdrawn by Rep. Dubitsky. Comments by Rep. O'Dea. Amendment proposed by Rep. O'Dea. Seconded by Rep. Wilson. Comments by Rep. Betts. Comments by Rep. Wilson. Comments by Rep. Mushinsky. Comments by Rep. Dillon. Comments by Rep. Gresko. Comments by Rep. Harding. Comments by Rep. Chafee. Comments by Rep. Horn. Comments by Rep. Gucker. Amendment failed. Comments by Rep. Piscopo.

9. [H.B. No. 6496](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SOIL-RELATED INITIATIVES. (ENV) ***JFS to the Floor***

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Gresko. Seconded by Sen. Miner.

10. [H.B. No. 6384](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES' EFFECTS ON LAKES AND RELATED FUNDING. (ENV) ***JFS to the Floor***

Motion for JFS to the floor Sen. Cohen. Motion to Move Rep. Michel. Seconded by Rep. Hennessy. Comments by Rep. Palm.

Next meeting is public hearing on March 19, 2021 at 10AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3PM.

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Gaia McDermott  
Committee Clerk

Steve Smith  
Assistant Committee Clerk