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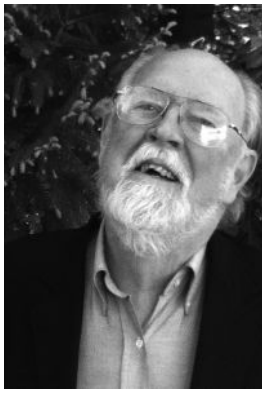
This year's Scorecard is dedicated to the lifelong environmental work of two amazing and effective advocates, Katchen Coley and Hugh Rawson. They took on the most difficult environmental challenges with great passion and steadfast commitment and have inspired us all.

Katchen Coley
1924 - 2013



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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 2013 Legislative Session.

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Cecil Phillips-Ritchey

2013 Legislative Session

State Capitol Building

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters monitored the votes of state legislators on environmental issues that arose during the 2013 session of the Connecticut General Assembly, which ended on June 5th.

In the typical twists and turns of a legislative session, our environmental fortunes rose and fell. In addition to all of the individual bills debated in the various committees, Senate and House, the Legislature and the Administration put their policy priorities front and center in the state budget and bonding packages. These packages contained solid levels of funding for sewage treatment upgrades and open space acquisition, and left intact Community Investment Act funding for important land use programs. On the other hand, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection remained dangerously underfunded, imperiling its most basic function of protecting our natural resources as well as managing its new responsibilities concerning energy policy and planning.

To everyone's surprise, a powerful grassroots campaign prompted the Senate to take control and pass bi-partisan legislation calling for labeling of food containing GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms). The House eventually agreed to language and passed a compromise bill. Although the bill was thus weakened, this was a

major national victory and a shining example of how ordinary citizens were able to overcome well-funded opposition by the Monsanto corporation and others invested in a pesticide-intensive food industry.

On several issues that have come back to the legislature time and again, environmental support in the General Assembly and the Administration was wobbly. It was a fight just to hold ground on protecting school children from pesticides, saving the Council on Environmental Quality, preserving the Environmental Protection Act, and limiting giveaways of state land.

But energy was the issue that at times pitted environmental advocates against lawmakers and the Administration. Clean energy advocates had been looking forward to a positive relationship with the Energy and Technology Committee, led by two new chairs, but that did not materialize. Moreover, certain energy policies announced by Governor Dannel Malloy and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Dan Esty ran counter to central commitments in the state's programs for renewable energy.

A particular point of contention was the administration's decision to rely heavily on importation of relatively cheap electricity produced by large-scale hydropower projects from HydroQuébec. The legislation allows for importation in quantities that threaten to overwhelm the markets for solar and wind power.

A secondary concern was the administration's proposed commitment to a dramatic expansion of natural gas infrastructure. Natural gas may be cleaner and cheaper than coal or oil, but the current low price on natural gas is due to reliance on extraction by "fracking," a process that without strict regulation can despoil air, land and water resources.

The differences between the two sides were not irreconcilable. There were many areas of agreement and good progress was made in the area of energy efficiency. But the new policies were introduced as a single, indivisible package that needed an immediate vote that left little time for study or negotiation.

Facing significant resistance from advocates and legislative allies, the renewable energy bill eventually passed with modest improvements. But both sides expressed dismay at the bitterness of the conflict.

CTLCV will be looking for environment-minded officials to continue the progress in 2014.

"Environmental protections are the bedrock of our health, safety and economy. CTLCV and environmental advocates who are fighting these legislative battles will continue with even greater energy to protect the natural resources of our state."

Lori Brown, CTLCV Executive Director

2013 Environmental Tally

Wins

SB 1010	Clean Water Fund projects must consider sea level rise
SB 1012	Coastal Management
SB 807	Water Conservation
HB 6437	Mattress Recycling
HB 6441	Dam Safety
HB 6441	Ban on Certain Pesticides in Coastal Areas
HB 6527	GMO Labeling
HB 6538	Arborists and Tree Warden Training and Licensing
HB 6542	Preservation of Southbury Training School Agricultural Lands

Budget

- Clean Water Funding
- Open Space Funding

Losses

SB 191	Safe Streets: expand penalties for causing injury or death to a vulnerable user
SB 981	Pesticides: expand the existing ban to include schools with grades 9-12
HB 6385	Pesticides: expand the ban to all public and private schools
SB 1134	Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces
SB 1138	Renewable Energy Standards
HB 5335	Fracking Waste: prohibit the storage of fracking by-products
HB 6533	Fracking Regulations: stricter regulations on hydraulic fracturing
HB 6439	Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal
HB 6489	Children's Exposure to Toxins
HB 6672	Land Conveyance of Parcels of Environmentally Important Land for Non-environmental Purposes

Budget

- Raided Special Transportation Fund
- Raided Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Funds

Public Health

Good bills included GMO labeling and new restrictions on spraying certain harmful pesticides on the shores of Long Island Sound. Significant losses were the failures of bills to restrict pesticides on school grounds, to monitor chemicals affecting children, and to regulate outdoor wood-burning furnaces.

Public Safety

Good bills addressed dam safety and removal, training for municipal tree wardens, and managing development on our coastlines to take into account sea level rise due to climate change. Significant losses were failing to put restrictions on waste from hydraulic "fracking" and neglecting for the fourth year in a row to pass a law to protect "vulnerable users" of our roadways (particularly pedestrians and bicyclists).

Economy

Good bills included the cost-saving and job-creating legislation requiring mattress recycling, support for remediation of polluted sites for redevelopment, expansion of energy efficiency programs, and a major win that incentivizes water conservation through water company rates. The retreat from high quality clean energy goals, however, has left concerns about the state's commitment to invest in these programs.

Budget and Bonding

The bonding package contained solid levels of funding for open space (both for matching grants to towns and for direct state land acquisition), farmland preservation, and the Clean Water Fund.

The budget contained last minute raids on dedicated clean energy funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the CT Energy Finance & Investment Authority (CEFIA), and the Special Transportation Fund to make up for budget shortfalls. Advocates fought hard to defend against the raids on clean energy funds, causing the Administration and lawmakers to modify the budget and partially offset the effects of the raid. Leaders did mitigate devastating cuts to state parks, and backed off the proposed crippling of the Council on Environmental Quality.

The Eleventh Hour

In the last minutes of the legislative session, several critical bills were passed. One of these bills, opposed by CTLCV, would have opened more public land to damage by all-terrain vehicles. This was slipped into a final package of bills voted on by "consent" of the House, meaning that there was no discussion or separate vote on the bill. Fortunately, this bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Another bill that was significantly changed in the last days of session was the annual land conveyance legislation, which allows the state to give publicly owned land to towns. In recent years, it has been the vehicle for such highly controversial land transfers as the Haddam land swap. This year, the legislature permanently reversed the Haddam land swap so that this wildlife management area will remain protected. This we strongly applaud. However, two unfortunate provisions were in the bill:

- A last minute amendment gave away two parcels of land associated with our flagship state park, Hammonasset, to the town of Madison for what appears to be parking purposes. The full effect of this transfer is not yet clear.
- The state gave away highly ecologically sensitive land to New Britain to expand the town's golf course so that the golf course could, in turn, give some of its conserved land to a private developer for a new Costco. This is a terrible transfer that we were unable to remedy.

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.

Lifetime Scores

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SENATE SCORES

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ISSUE CATEGORY			PESTICIDES				TOXINS	GMO						WATER		ENERGY		FRACKING		CEPA		COASTLINE	
COMMITTEE/CHAMBER			KID	ED	ED	ENV	KID	S	PH	KID	PH	JUD	S	ET	S	ET	S	ET	ENV	PD	ENV	ENV	S
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Chapin (R)	72%	72%				x		✓					✓	x	✓	×	×	✓	×		×	✓	✓
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Welch (R)	77%	89%						✓	✓		A	A	✓		×		✓						✓
Williams (D)	91%	93%						✓					✓		✓		×						✓
Witkos (R)	91%	87%						✓					✓		A		A						✓

Committees/Chambers: KID = Children; ED = Education; ENV = Environment; PH = Public Health; JUD = Judiciary; ET = Energy and Technology
PD = Planning and Development; TRA = Transportation; FIN = Finance; GAE = Government Administration and Elections; HS = Human Services
PS = Public Safety // H = House; S = Senate

ISSUE CATEGORY	COASTLINE								OWF		DAMS		TREES					FARMLAND				MATTRESSES		
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	SB 460 Coastal Structures (3/22/13)	SB 1012 Coastal Management (3/18/13)	SB 1012 Coastal Management (4/23/13)	SB 1012 Coastal Management (5/23/13)	SB 1014 Definition of Rise in Sea Level (3/25/13)	SB 1014 Definition of Rise in Sea Level (4/29/13)	SB 1014 Definition of Rise in Sea Level (5/7/13)	SB 1014 Definition of Rise in Sea Level (5/15/13)	SB 1134 Outdoor Woodburning Furnaces (3/27/13)	SB 1134 Outdoor Woodburning Furnaces (5/1/13)	HB 6441 Dam Safety (3/4/13)	HB 6441 Dam Safety (6/4/13)	HB 6538 Arborists & Tree Wardens (3/18/13)	HB 6538 Arborists & Tree Wardens (4/19/13)	HB 6538 Arborists & Tree Wardens (4/29/13)	HB 6538 Arborists & Tree Wardens (5/7/13)	HB 6538 Arborists & Tree Wardens (6/4/13)	HB 6542 Preservation of Farmland (3/27/13)	HB 6542 Preservation of Farmland (4/19/13)	HB 6542 Preservation of Farmland (5/23/13)	HB 6542 Preservation of Farmland (5/30/13)	HB 6437 Mattress Recycling (3/18/13)	HB 6437 Mattress Recycling (4/24/13)	HB 6437 Mattress Recycling (5/16/13)
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HOUSE SCORES

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Abercrombie (D)	90%	89%										✓		✓		×						✓
Ackert (R)	92%	82%		✓	✓							✓		×		✓						✓
Adinolfi (R)	67%	72%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Alberts (R)	56%	68%										×		✓		×						✓
Albis (D)	86%	90%				×					✓	A		✓		×		✓		×	✓	✓
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Aman (R)	73%	69%										✓		✓		×			×			✓
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Candelora (R)	60%	58%										✓		✓		×			×			✓
Carpino (R)	57%	75%		×	×						✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Carter (R)	75%	69%										✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×					✓
Case (R)	75%	75%				✓						✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	×		×	✓	✓
Clemons (D)	88%	87%									✓	✓		✓		×						A
Conroy (D)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓						✓
Cook (D)	100%	96%		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓						✓
Cuevas (D)	100%	100%										A		✓		✓						✓

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Abercrombie (D)				✓							✓					✓			✓	✓			✓
Ackert (R)				✓							✓					✓			✓	✓			✓
Adinolfi (R)				✓							✓				×	✓				✓		×	×
Alberts (R)				×							✓					✓				✓			×
Albis (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Alexander (D)				✓					✓		✓					✓				✓			✓
Altobello (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			×
Aman (R)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓	×		✓				✓			✓
Arce (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Arconti (D)				✓			✓		✓		✓					✓				✓			✓
Aremsimowicz (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Ayala, C (D)				✓							✓					A				✓			✓
Bacchiochi (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Backer (D)		✓		A	✓			✓		A	A	✓				✓	A			A	✓		A
Baram (D)				✓							✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Becker (D)				✓							A		✓			✓				✓			✓
Berger (D)				✓							✓		✓		×	✓				✓		✓	✓
Betts (R)				✓					×		✓					✓				✓			×
Bolinsky (R)		✓		×	✓			✓		✓	✓	×				✓	✓			✓	×		×
Boukus (D)				A			✓				✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Bowles (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Buck-Taylor (R)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	×	×		×	✓	✓			✓	×	×	×
Butler (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓			✓	✓			✓
Cafero (R)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Camillo (R)				A							✓					A				✓			×
Candelaria (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Candelora (R)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓		×	×		✓				✓			×
Carpino (R)				✓							✓				×	✓				✓		×	×
Carter (R)				✓							×					✓				✓			✓
Case (R)		✓		✓	✓			×		✓	✓	×				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		×
Clemons (D)				A			✓				A				✓	A				✓		A	✓
Conroy (D)				✓					✓		✓					✓		✓		✓			✓
Cook (D)				✓					✓		✓					✓			✓	✓			✓
Cuevas (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓

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D'Agostino (D)	78%	78%		A	×							✓		✓		×						✓
D'Amelio (R)	90%	63%										✓		✓		×						✓
Dargan (D)	90%	90%										✓		✓		×						✓
Davis, C (R)	72%	63%						×		✓		✓		✓		×			×			✓
Davis, P (D)	88%	90%		A	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓		×	✓	✓
Demicco (D)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Dillon (D)	91%	89%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Diminico (D)	79%	79%										✓		✓		×			×			✓
Esposito (D)	89%	84%										✓		✓		×						✓
Fawcett (D)	100%	92%	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓					✓
Fleischmann (D)	100%	95%		✓	✓							✓		✓		✓						✓
Flexer (D)	100%	96%									✓	✓		✓		✓			✓			✓
Floren (R)	88%	79%										✓		✓		×						✓
Fox, D (D)	80%	84%									A	✓		✓		×			×			✓
Fox, G (D)	92%	85%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Frey (R)	75%	77%										A		✓		✓						✓
Fritz (D)	82%	77%									✓	✓		✓		×			A			✓
Genga (D)	85%	90%		A	✓							✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Gentile (D)	79%	79%				×						✓		✓		×		✓	×	×	✓	✓
Giegler (R)	90%	73%										✓		✓		×						✓
Giuliano (R)	78%	77%		A	×							✓		✓		✓						✓
Godfrey (D)	88%	91%									A	A		✓		×						A
Gonzalez (D)	100%	90%									✓	✓		✓		✓						✓
Grogins (D)	84%	85%		✓	✓						✓	✓		✓		×			×			✓
Guerrera (D)	89%	87%										✓		✓		×						✓
Haddad (D)	100%	96%										✓		✓		✓						✓
Hampton (D)	100%	100%		✓	✓							✓		✓		✓						✓
Hennessy (D)	95%	94%				✓						✓		✓		✓		✓		×	✓	A
Hewett (D)	93%	91%	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Holder-Winfield (D)	93%	94%		✓	✓						✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Hovey (R)	83%	67%						A		A	✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Hoydick (R)	73%	79%	✓				✓		✓			✓	×	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Hurlburt (D)	100%	87%										N/A		N/A		N/A		✓			✓	N/A
Hwang (R)	91%	78%										✓		✓		×						✓

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D'Agostino (D)				✓							A		A			A		✓		✓			✓
D'Amelio (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Dargan (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Davis, C (R)	×		✓	✓		✓			×		✓		✓	✓		✓				✓			✓
Davis, P (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Demicco (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Dillon (D)				✓							✓				✓	A				✓		✓	✓
Diminico (D)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			✓		✓				✓			✓
Esposito (D)				✓			A				✓					✓				✓			✓
Fawcett (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Fleischmann (D)				A							✓					✓				✓			✓
Flexer (D)	✓		✓	✓		✓					✓			✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Floren (R)				A							✓		✓			✓				A			✓
Fox, D (D)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			✓	A	✓				✓		✓	✓
Fox, G (D)				✓							✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Frey (R)				✓							A		×			✓				✓			×
Fritz (D)	A		A	✓		A					✓			A	×	✓				A		✓	✓
Genga (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Gentile (D)	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			A	✓		✓
Giegler (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Giuliano (R)				×							✓					✓				✓			A
Godfrey (D)				✓							✓				A	✓				✓		✓	✓
Gonzalez (D)				✓			✓				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Grogins (D)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Guerrera (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Haddad (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Hampton (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Hennessy (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			A	✓		✓
Hewett (D)				✓							✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Holder-Winfield (D)				✓							✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Hovey (R)				A					✓		✓				×	✓				✓		✓	✓
Hoydick (R)				×							✓					✓				✓			✓
Hurlburt (D)		✓		N/A	✓			✓		✓	N/A	✓				N/A	✓			N/A	✓		N/A
Hwang (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓		✓		✓			✓

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Janowski (D)	78%	87%										✓		×		×						✓
Johnson (D)	93%	93%		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		✓		×						✓
Jutila (D)	91%	86%										✓		✓		×						✓
Kiner (D)	100%	100%		✓	✓							✓		✓		✓						✓
Klarides (R)	73%	76%						✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Kokoruda (R)	79%	80%		✓	✓							✓		✓		A			×			✓
Kupchick (R)	90%	87%										✓		✓		×						✓
Labriola (R)	69%	75%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Larson (D)	90%	87%										✓		✓		×						✓
Lavielle (R)	100%	88%		✓	✓							✓		✓		✓						✓
LeGeyt (R)	89%	87%		A	✓							✓		✓		×						✓
Lemar (D)	100%	92%										✓		✓		✓						✓
Lesser (D)	100%	100%										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					A
Lopes (D)	90%	95%										✓		✓		×						✓
Luxenberg (D)	90%	90%										✓		✓		×						✓
Maroney (D)	92%	92%						✓		✓		✓		✓		×						✓
McCrory (D)	90%	90%		✓	✓							✓		✓		×						A
McGee (D)	92%	92%									✓	✓		✓		×						A
Megna (D)	91%	95%				✓						✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓		×	✓	✓
Mikutel (D)	90%	85%										✓		✓		×						✓
Miller, L (R)	59%	66%				A						✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×		×	✓	✓
Miller, Patricia 145 (D)	92%	93%		✓	✓							✓		✓		×						✓
Miller, Philip 036 (D)	91%	97%				✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		×		✓		×	✓	A
Miner (R)	68%	56%				✓						✓		✓		×		✓		×	✓	✓
Molgano (R)	50%	64%		A	×							A		A		A						A
Morin (D)	90%	87%										✓		✓		×						✓
Morris (D)	82%	94%									A	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓					A
Moukawsher (D)	85%	69%				A						✓		✓		×		✓		×	A	✓
Mushinsky (D)	94%	97%				A						✓		✓		×		✓		✓	✓	A
Nafis (D)	91%	93%		✓	✓							✓		✓		×						✓
Nicastro (D)	100%	86%										✓		✓		✓						✓
Noujaim (R)	86%	63%										✓		✓		×						✓
O'Brien (D)	100%	71%										✓		✓		A						A
O'Dea (R)	63%	63%				✓					✓	✓		✓		×		×		×	✓	A

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Janowski (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Johnson (D)				✓					✓		✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Jutila (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓		✓		✓			✓
Kiner (D)				A							✓					✓				✓			✓
Klarides (R)				✓					×		✓				×	✓				✓		×	✓
Kokoruda (R)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			×		✓				A			✓
Kupchick (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Labriola (R)				✓							✓				×	✓		✓		✓		×	×
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Lavielle (R)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
LeGeyt (R)				✓							A					✓				✓			✓
Lemar (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓		✓		✓			✓
Lesser (D)				✓							✓					A		✓		✓			✓
Lopes (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Luxenberg (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Maroney (D)				✓					✓		✓					✓				✓			✓
McCrory (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
McGee (D)				✓							✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Megna (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Mikutel (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Miller, L (R)		✓		✓	✓			×		✓	✓	×				✓	✓			✓	✓		×
Miller, Patricia 145 (D)				✓							✓					✓		✓		✓			✓
Miller, Philip 036 (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Miner (R)		✓		✓	✓			×		×	✓	×				✓	✓			✓	×		A
Molgano (R)				A							A					A		✓		A			A
Morin (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Morris (D)				✓							✓				A	✓			A	✓		A	✓
Moukawsher (D)		A		✓	✓			✓		A	✓	A	A			A	✓			✓	A		✓
Mushinsky (D)		✓		✓	A			✓		✓	A	✓	✓			A	✓			✓	✓		✓
Nafis (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Nicastro (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Noujaim (R)				✓							✓					✓				A			A
O'Brien (D)				✓							✓					A				A			A
O'Dea (R)		✓		A	✓			✓		✓	✓	×			×	A	✓			A	×	×	✓

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O'Neill (R)	83%	83%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Orange (D)	100%	90%										✓		✓		✓						✓
Perillo (R)	75%	63%						✓		×		✓		✓		×						✓
Perone (D)	75%	86%										A	A	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Piscopo (R)	33%	38%										×	×	✓	×	×	×					×
Rebimbas (R)	62%	76%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Reed (D)	75%	94%										✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓		×			✓
Riley (D)	93%	93%						✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓						✓
Ritter, E (D)	78%	95%										A	✓	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Ritter, M (D)	94%	84%									✓	✓		✓		✓			✓			✓
Rojas (D)	82%	85%		✓	✓							✓		✓		×			×			✓
Rose (D)	N/A	90%										A		A		A						A
Rovero (D)	80%	93%										✓		✓		×						✓
Rutigliano (R)	80%	80%										✓		✓		×						✓
Ryan (D)	83%	91%				×		×		✓		✓		✓		×		✓		×	✓	✓
Sampson (R)	45%	71%				✓						×		✓		×		✓		×	✓	×
Sanchez (D)	91%	97%		✓	✓							✓		✓		×						✓
Santiago, E (D)	80%	76%										A		✓		×						A
Santiago, H (D)	91%	91%										✓		✓		×						✓
Sawyer (R)	80%	69%										✓		✓		×						✓
Sayers (D)	70%	79%						×		×		A		A		×						✓
Scribner (R)	92%	70%						✓		A		✓		✓		×						✓
Sear (D)	81%	81%				×						✓		✓		×		✓	×	×	✓	✓
Serra (D)	83%	86%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Shaban (R)	86%	66%				✓					A	✓		✓		×		✓		×	✓	✓
Sharkey (D)	89%	94%										✓		✓		×						✓
Simanski (R)	79%	74%										✓		✓		✓			×			✓
Smith (R)	71%	55%									✓	✓		✓		×			×			✓
Srinivasan (R)	67%	82%		×	×			✓		✓		✓		✓		×						✓
Stallworth (D)	89%	90%		✓	✓							A		✓		×						A
Steinberg (D)	91%	92%										✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓					A
Tercyak (D)	100%	93%						✓		✓		✓		✓		✓						✓
Tong (D)	86%	89%									✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Urban (D)	95%	94%	✓			✓	✓		✓			✓		✓		×		✓		✓	✓	✓

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O'Neill (R)				✓							✓				×	✓				✓		✓	✓
Orange (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Perillo (R)				✓					✓		✓					✓				✓			×
Perone (D)				✓							✓					A				✓			A
Piscopo (R)				×							✓		×			✓				✓			A
Rebimbas (R)				✓							✓		×		×	A		✓		✓		×	×
Reed (D)	×		✓	✓		A					✓		✓	A		✓				✓			✓
Riley (D)				✓					✓		✓				×	✓				✓		✓	✓
Ritter, E (D)				A							✓					A			✓	✓			A
Ritter, M (D)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Rojas (D)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓	✓		✓				✓			✓
Rose (D)				A							A					A				A			A
Rovero (D)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			×
Rutigliano (R)				✓							✓					✓			✓	✓			×
Ryan (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
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Sharkey (D)				✓							✓					✓				✓			✓
Simanski (R)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓		A	✓		✓				✓			×
Smith (R)	×		✓	✓		✓					✓			×	×	✓				✓		✓	✓
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Vargas (D)	100%	100%	✓				✓		✓			✓		✓		✓						✓
Verrengia (D)	100%	83%									✓	✓		✓		✓						✓
Vicino (D)	79%	79%				A						✓		✓		×		✓	×	×	✓	✓
Walker (D)	90%	95%									✓	✓		A		×						✓
Walko (R)	73%	73%		A	×						✓	✓		A		×						A
Widlitz (D)	92%	93%						✓		✓		✓		✓		×						✓
Williams (R)	73%	66%										✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Willis (D)	95%	97%				×						✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Wood (R)	91%	81%	✓				✓		✓			✓		✓		×						✓
Wright, C (D)	90%	95%										✓		✓		×						✓
Wright, E (D)	92%	97%									✓	✓		✓		×						✓
Yaccarino (R)	85%	88%										✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓					✓
Ziobron (R)	96%	96%				✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		×	✓	✓
Zoni (D)	92%	92%						✓		✓		✓		✓		×						✓
Zupkus (R)	90%	90%										✓		✓		A						✓

2012
CTLCV Environmental Summit

In December 2012, legislators, administration officials, environmental groups and business leaders gathered at the CTLCV's annual Environmental Summit to discuss key issues that were anticipated to be on the agenda for the 2013 legislative session.

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Vicino (D)	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		×		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Walker (D)				✓							✓				✓	A				✓		✓	✓
Walko (R)				✓							✓		✓		✓	A				✓		×	✓
Widlitz (D)				✓					✓		✓		✓			A				✓			✓
Williams (R)				✓							✓		A			✓				A			×
Willis (D)		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			A	✓		✓
Wood (R)				A							✓					✓			✓	✓			A
Wright, C (D)				✓							✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
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Yaccarino (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓				✓			✓
Ziobron (R)		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Zoni (D)				✓					✓		✓		✓			✓				✓			✓
Zupkus (R)				✓			✓				✓					✓			✓	✓			×

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CTLCV commends these lawmakers for their leadership on specific environmental issues during the 2013 legislative session.

Senator Donald E. Williams Jr. (D-S29)
Leader on GMO Labeling

Senator John McKinney (R-S28)
Leader on GMO Labeling

Representative James Albis (D-H99)
Leader on Coastal Management

Representative Timothy Bowles (D-H42)
Leader on Clean Energy

Representative Andrew Fleischman (D-H18)
Leader on Protecting Children from Pesticides

Representative Matthew Lesser (D-H100)
Leader on Clean Energy & Protection from Fracking

Representative Philip Miller (D-H36)
Leader on GMO Labeling & Protection of Haddam Lands

Representative Arthur O'Neill (R-H69)
Leader on Southbury Training School Agricultural Land

Representative Roberta Willis (D-H64)
Leader on Clean Energy

Representative Gail Lavielle (R-H143)
Leader on Transportation

Representative Diana Urban (D-H43)
Leader on Protecting Children from Pesticides & GMO Labeling

Bills That Were Scored

Governor signs into law
Public Act 13-78
Water Conservation.

PESTICIDES

Pesticides were a hot topic this session. There were bills to extend the existing ban of pesticides, which now applies to school grounds with children in grade eight or lower, to cover public and private high schools. Emergency applications of pesticides would be allowed at schools only if it had been determined that they were needed to eliminate a threat to human health. Other related bills strengthened penalties for negligent spraying on the wrong property as well as providing alternatives for groundskeepers to control grubs with certain microbial pesticides, which are less dangerous than pesticides currently banned.

Note:

AAC=An Act Concerning...

AA=An Act...

HB=Senate Bill

SB=House Bill

Despite overwhelming scientific data about the impact of pesticides on children and wildlife, House leadership would not allow anything to go forward other than a bill to further study the issue (which failed just the same). We have included key votes on two of these bills. Advocates strongly supported HB 6385, but the bill was reduced to a study in the environment committee. We have scored that vote negatively. The one pro-environment success on pesticides was a last minute amendment on an unrelated bill, HB 6441 Dam Safety, that banned spraying of two types of pesticides, resmethrin and methoprene, in coastal zones linked to lobster die-offs in Long Island Sound. The underlying dam bill is being scored for other reasons, and this amendment made HB 6441 even more pro-environment.

SB 981 - AAC PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS: Support/Failed
HB 6385 - AA PROHIBITING THE USE OF PESTICIDES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Support original bill/Oppose amendment to replace bill with a study/Failed

TOXINS

HB 6489 - AAC CHILDREN'S SAFETY: Support/Failed
This bill would have required the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals in products, which are of concern to children's health and to make recommendations to the legislature every two years on ways to reduce exposure. This would have included a ban on the sale of certain products containing the toxic chemicals, safer alternatives analysis, labeling or other recommendations.

WATER CONSERVATION

SB 807 - AAC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION: Support/Passed
Signed into law by the governor, Public Act 13-78 provides mechanisms for encouraging private water companies, as well as municipal and other public utilities, to invest in conservation and infrastructure improvements. By allowing flexibility in the way water rates are calculated and other operational rules, the law helps water suppliers stabilize revenue and promote infrastructure improvements that ensure reliable, high quality water.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

SB 1138 - AAC CONNECTICUT'S CLEAN ENERGY GOALS: Oppose/Passed
Under Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), utilities must get a rising percentage of the electricity they supply from new, clean, renewable sources such as wind and solar. The goal is that Class I (as designated by the RPS) clean renewable sources will account for 20% of Connecticut's electricity output by 2020, making Connecticut a national leader in clean energy. However, this new law, Public Act 13-303, allows utilities in some circumstances to permanently fill a percentage of their mandated clean energy portfolio using power from large environmentally damaging hydropower facilities like HydroQuébec and discourages investment into the development of local renewable sources.

FRACKING

Hydraulic fracturing (i.e., fracking) is a method of oil and natural gas extraction in which a mixture of water, sand, and toxic chemicals is pumped into a well at high pressures, causing the fracturing of surrounding rock layers and allowing the flow of oil and natural gas. Inherent in this process is the production of many dangerous by-products, including waste water that often contains toxic chemicals and heavy metals. Conventional waste water treatment plants are not equipped to remove fracking-related toxins, making it

GMO LABELING

Three bills were introduced this session to require food that has been partially or entirely produced with genetic engineering to be clearly labeled as such.

Failure to do so would render the product misbranded, and would have subjected the persons responsible to criminal penalties. Such mandatory labeling gives consumers the right to make informed decisions about food products for which health and environmental concerns have been raised. In response to public demand and inaction on the House version of this bill, the Senate stepped up and passed a bi-partisan bill, SB 802. Eventually a compromise was reached between the chambers, which requires four other states, at least one of which must border Connecticut and with a collective population of at least 20 million people, to pass similar legislation before the labeling requirement will take effect. While HB 6527 was the final bill that passed, three bills had significant votes and are included in the final score.

HB 6527 - AAC GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD: Support/Passed

SB 802 - AAC CONNECTICUT'S EGG STATUTES: Support/Failed

HB 6519 - AA REQUIRING LABELING OF GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOODS: Support/Failed

necessary to transport the contaminated water to designated disposal sites. Multiple bills were introduced to prevent this issue from becoming a problem in Connecticut, and we have included votes for two of them.

HB 6533 - AAC HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: Support/Failed
This bill defined the processes and materials that constitute fracking and toxic fracking waste disposal. It would have placed a one-year moratorium, effective July 1, 2013, affecting any person or business responsible for treating, discharging, or disposing of any fracking waste, making or selling any item where fracking waste has been added. This would have required DEEP to prepare an assessment detailing the full effects of fracking waste by February 1, 2014.

HB 5335 - AA PROHIBITING POSSESSION AND STORAGE OF FRACKING BY-PRODUCTS: Support/Failed
This legislation would have eliminated Connecticut as a potential recipient of toxic fracking waste by banning the possession or storage of any related by-products, with the goal of maintaining the safety of Connecticut's air and water supplies.

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (CEPA)

SB 814 - AAC INTERVENTION IN PERMIT PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1971: Oppose early versions/ Final language neutral/Passed
The Connecticut Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) is a vital instrument in protecting the state's clean air, water, and open space. CEPA allows citizens to take legal action, usually as intervenors in administrative proceedings, to oppose unreasonable threats to the environment. This legislation aimed to revise CEPA in order to block or discourage baseless, vexatious suits. But the bill would have seriously weakened CEPA's usefulness as a fundamental defense against harm to the environment. Eventually a compromise was reached on a relatively modest revision that reflected recent court decisions with respect to the evidence required for a citizen to take action but that left CEPA substantially intact and still useful. Votes that supported the anti-environment version of the language before the compromise are counted negatively.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Natural habitats and human infrastructure are threatened by rising sea levels and coastal storms. Tidal marshes, flats, and dunes, when not degraded by inappropriate development or poorly-placed sea walls, can help defend buildings and neighborhoods by absorbing storm surges. Environmental advocates want to

1) protect coastal habitats and ensure that they are part of the solution for shielding human infrastructure, and
2) ensure better coastal planning by requiring state and local planners to take future sea level rise projections into consideration.

SB 1010 - AAC SEA LEVEL RISE AND THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS BY THE CLEAN WATER FUND: Support/Passed
Passed into law, Public Act 13-15, requires DEEP to consider sea level rise and the necessity of implementing measures to mitigate its impact when establishing the priority list and ranking system to determine sewage treatment facility projects that will receive grants and loans from the Clean Water Fund.

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SB 460 - AAC COASTAL PROTECTION MEASURE/ SHORELINE STRUCTURE/WATER RESOURCES/DEEP PROCEDURES: Oppose original bill/Neutral on revised provisions passed in HB 1012
This bill would have required DEEP to issue Certificates of Permission for structures that were illegally built or altered without required permits prior to 1995.

SB 1012 - AAC THE DEFINITION OF "RISE IN SEA LEVEL": Support/Passed
The Senate combined four coastal management bills pending in the Senate under HB 1012. This new law, Public Act 13-179, now contains all the good provisions of HB 1014, and considerably fewer harmful provisions from SB 460.

SB 1014 - AAC THE DEFINITION OF "RISE IN SEA LEVEL" AND CONSIDERATION OF SEA LEVEL CHANGE SCENARIOS: Support/ Passed as part of 1012.
This bill was intended to aid more realistic coastal planning by requiring state and local agencies who are drafting certain emergency and disaster plans, as well as Plans of Conservation and Development, to account for projected accelerations in the rate at which sea level will rise in the future.

OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACES

SB 1134 - AAC OUTDOOR WOODBURNING FURNACES: Support/Failed
Although wood smoke from outdoor wood furnaces contains many of the same hazardous components as cigarette smoke, it lacks the same strict regulations meant to protect public health. This bill aimed to reduce air pollution resulting from outdoor wood furnaces by banning the sale of all furnaces after October 1, 2013 that do not meet Phase II emissions standards as specified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, it required all outdoor wood-burning furnaces to burn only "clean wood," eliminating the burning of wood that has a paint or stain coating or has been chemically treated.

DAM SAFETY

HB 6441 - AAC DAM SAFETY PROGRAM: Support/Passed
This new law, Public Act 13-197, requires dam owners to have their dams inspected periodically depending on the hazard presented by potential failure. A similar initiative in Massachusetts has enhanced both awareness and remediation of hazardous conditions and of fish habitat by inducing more dam owners to remove dams. The law also streamlines permits for dam removals that improve ecological conditions. A last minute amendment added language to ban spraying of two types of pesticides, resmethrin and methoprene, in coastal zones linked to lobster die-offs in Long Island Sound making the bill even better.

State Agricultural habitats of the Southbury Training School were saved as working farmland and wildlife habitat.

TREE MANAGEMENT

HB 6538 - AAC ARBORISTS AND TREE WARDENS: Support/Passed

Passed into law, Public Act 13-203, establishes requirements for both arborist businesses and tree wardens with the purpose of ensuring the proper care and management of the state's urban forests. The law requires that arborist businesses register annually with DEEP and employ at least one licensed arborist. This law also requires municipal tree wardens to be professionally certified.

FARMLAND

HB 6542 - AAC THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AT THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL: Support/Passed

This new law, Public Act 13-90, permanently protects 825 acres of agricultural lands at the state-owned Southbury Training School. The law establishes a procedure to preserve and manage the land specifically for agricultural use, but also requires that all activities be conducted in accordance with a conservation plan prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service approved by the Department of Agriculture. The law is precedent-setting because it proposes a private-public partnership with a nonprofit land conservation organization via the granting of a conservation easement.

MATTRESS RECYCLING

HB 6437 - AAC MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: Support/Passed

Connecticut alone disposes of 300,000 - 400,000 mattresses annually, at a cost to towns of over $1 million. The law implements a mattress stewardship program to regulate post-consumer mattress disposal, encouraging recycling of mattress components. The law requires mattress producers to join a nonprofit mattress recycling council, and failure to do so prohibits them from selling mattresses in the state. This program will be funded by a mattress stewardship fee on mattresses sold in Connecticut, and should greatly reduce illegal dumping by offering disposal at no cost.

IMPORTANT INITIATIVES NOT SCORED

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ENERGY STRATEGY

HB 6360 - AAC THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTICUT'S COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY: No final position/Passed

Energy legislation was in constant flux during the 2013 legislative session. Separate from the battle over Connecticut's renewable energy goals in SB 1138, the overall environmental impact of HB 6360 is difficult to gauge. It combines some positive energy initiatives with a major expansion of natural gas use that could undermine the state's progress on climate pollution in the long run. The energy efficiency provisions, which basically double funding for electric and natural gas efficiency work, will almost certainly result in cleaner air and decreased climate pollution, if properly implemented. The bill's broadened eligibility for virtual net metering and submetering will also help increase the use of local clean energy sources like solar photo voltaic, which will help reduce our dependence on dirty, imported fossil fuels. Likewise, the new initiative to benchmark energy consumption in state buildings could help to lower the state's climate pollution and help fight global warming.

The bill's natural gas expansion provisions, however, risk increasing the state's net climate pollution by committing to decades of higher natural gas use than currently forecast. While natural gas is cleaner than oil for heating purposes, the overall climate impact may not improve if methane leakage from the transmission and distribution of natural gas is as high as some scientists estimate. With so many variables CTLCV could not definitively score this legislation, but will continue to monitor the state's progress.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

HB 5183 - AAC REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND ESTABLISHING AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE DIVISION WITHIN DEEP: Oppose/Passed as part of SB 190

Without proper public input, this bill was significantly altered from its original form. It was eventually stopped. But another bill, SB 190, that contained the anti-environment provisions of HB 5183 was introduced as a surprise in both the Senate and the House in the last minutes of session and subsequently passed. The bill required the DEEP to designate state land for ATV use without any new funding for the land's development, operation and maintenance. The bill was later vetoed by the Governor.

BROWNFIELDS

HB 6651 - AA IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE OF CT BROWNFIELD WORKING GROUP: No final position/Passed

Signed by the Governor, Public Act 13-308 makes several significant changes to current law. It enables municipalities to acquire a brownfield and take steps to clean up and redevelop the site without assuming liability. It requires property owners to report and mitigate serious environmental hazards and make sites safe against exposure of heavy metals, PCBs and contaminated drinking water. This law consolidates all brownfield accounts into a single account and dictates what types of funds and revenues the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) must deposit into the account. It separates the current brownfield grant and loan program, making the grant program only open to municipalities, while the loan program can be utilized by developers to reduce blight, but not to obtain property. The law requires grant and loan recipients to reimburse the state when receiving remediation funds from outside sources. It also narrows the criteria for whether a substance found on a property constitutes a regulated substance that qualifies for liability relief. In order to lay a foundation for revising the remediation standards, DEEP must engage an independent expert to evaluate the current risk-based decision making process and risk management tools. It directs the DEEP to consider such evaluation and make recommendations for statutory and regulatory changes to the process. These recent changes, including significant details, are still being evaluated as to their full impact on the state's remediation program.

ANNUAL LAND TRANSFERS

HB 6672 - AAC THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND: Mixed position/Passed

Legislation is proposed every year to transfer certain parcels of state-owned land to municipalities that request them. It has often been the cause for much controversy because many of the transfers are not publicly vetted or properly reviewed for their environmental importance. This year was no exception, with a terrible exchange of ecologically sensitive land in New Britain to allow for a new Costco, and a surprise giveaway of land associated with Hammonasset State Park. The one positive provision repealed the controversial land swap in Haddam from a previous year, ensuring that this land remains a wildlife sanctuary.

PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL

HB 6439 - AAC THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATION: Support/Failed

This proposal would have protected the environment and improved public health and safety by keeping dangerous chemicals out of our waterways. It prohibited health care institutions, both public and private, and all associated staff from disposing of unused medication into a wastewater collection or septic system. In addition, this bill required DEEP to launch a public awareness campaign about the dangers of improperly disposing of medication and the availability of pharmaceutical collection programs. This bill died quietly due to inaction by House leadership.

SAFE STREETS

SB 191 - AAC THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER: Support/Failed

The passage of this bill would have implemented a penalty of up to $1,000 for a motorist who causes death or injury to a "vulnerable user" on a public way due to failure on behalf of the motorist to exercise reasonable care. The bill defined vulnerable users as pedestrians, highway workers, bicyclists, anyone riding or driving an animal, skaters, roller bladers, people riding on a farm tractor, people in wheelchairs, and blind people and their service animals. Despite overwhelming bi-partisan support, this bill was killed due to opposition by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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