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This is an important time of year for bills to make their way to the House and Senate Calendars and to percolate back out to subject matter committees that, for whatever reason, they did not visit them during the committee process (but should have based on the content of the bill). Committees that receive bills after their JF deadline from the from the House or Senate must act on them in the lesser of (1) seven calendar days after the referral or (2) the third regular session day of the chamber making the referral. This time of year, it tends to be the former, but by the end of May, when the frequency of session days increases, it may be the latter. If the committee fails to act on a bill or if it “boxes” a bill, the bill is dead. Committees can report bills favorably, unfavorably or favorably with amendments.

Once returned from committee, the next step for many bills will be action by the House or Senate. To check on whether the House or Senate is ready to act on a bill, first refer to the House or Senate Calendar to see if the bill is double-starred (marked “XX”); bills with only one “X” are not ready for action. Next, for House bills, check the “Go List” on session days to see if the bill is scheduled for a vote. The calendars and “Go List” are available on the General Assembly's main webpage: <http://www.cga.ct.gov>. The table below contains a select list of bills of interest; it is not an exhaustive list of bills.

Table 1: Environment, Energy, and Land Use Related Bills

Committee of Origin	Bill No.	Title	Bill Status Report	File Number or Last Action (as of 4/19/11)
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE				
Environment	60	AAC THE ENFORCEMENT AND PERMITTING DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Bill Status	File No. 115 SEN → APPR
Environment	205	AA REQUIRING CERTAIN THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS TO PAY INCENTIVES FOR THE RETURN OF MERCURY THERMOSTATS	Bill Status	File No. 363
Environment	209	AA PROVIDING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL STORMWATER AUTHORITIES WITH CREDIT, CONTRACTING, BONDING AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS (<i>see also HB 5512</i>)	Bill Status	CR → FRB
Environment	212	AA SIMPLIFYING CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE BOTTLE BILL	Bill Status	File No. 441
Environment	214	AA ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION UPON CREATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT	Bill Status	CR → FRB
Environment	227	AAC REMEDIATION STANDARDS UNDER A CONSENT ORDER	Bill Status	File No. 328
Environment	830	AA PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES	Bill Status	File No. 421 SEN → P&D
Environment	832	AAC THE PROTECTION OF INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES	Bill Status	File No. 422 SEN → P&D

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Environment	835	AAC THE STRUCTURES AND DREDGING PERMIT PROCESS	Bill Status	File No. 368
Environment	1114	AA REVISING THE DEFINITION OF TIDAL WETLANDS AND THE HIGH TIDE LINE	Bill Status	File No. 338
Environment	1115	AAC THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN LOW EMISSION VEHICLES, IONIZING RADIATION AND STREAM CHANNEL ENCROACHMENT LINES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Bill Status	File No. 455
Environment	5068	AA CREATING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN INLAND WETLANDS PERMIT FOR A DRY HYDRANT	Bill Status	File No. 228
Environment	5508	AAC THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	File No. 401
Environment	5518	AA ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE WATER USE PLAN	Bill Status	File No. 346
Environment	5526	AAC COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS ON PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS CERTAIN WOODLANDS	Bill Status	File No. 472
Environment	6262	AAC THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	Bill Status	File No. 387
Environment	6263	AAC THE TRANSITION FROM THE TEN MILL PROGRAM	Bill Status	File No. 351
Environment	6386	AA ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Bill Status	File No. 394 HS → APPR
Environment	6507	AAC WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS	Bill Status	File No. 491
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE				
Energy and Technology	1	AAC CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE	Bill Status	File No. 435
Energy and Technology	102	AA EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF A CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE	Bill Status	File No. 438
Energy and Technology	1140	AAC THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL'S JURISDICTION	Bill Status	File No. 458
Energy and Technology	1176	AAC ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF	Bill Status	File No. 464
Energy and Technology	1141	AAC NET METERING	Bill Status	File No. 428
Energy and Technology	1142	AAC POWER PLANT SAFETY	Bill Status	File No. 459
Energy and Technology	5958	AAC ENERGY UPGRADES, WEATHERIZATION AND FUEL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMES AND MUNICIPAL AND STATE BUILDINGS	Bill Status	File No. 478
Energy and Technology	6249	AAREQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE SITING OF WIND PROJECTS	Bill Status	File No. 36
Energy and Technology	6250	AAC THE SITING COUNCIL	Bill Status	File No. 481
Energy and Technology	6459	AAC RENEWABLE RESOURCE GENERATION	Bill Status	File No. 489
Energy and Technology	6543	AAC ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE	Bill Status	File No. 325
Energy and Technology	6544	AAC ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Bill Status	File No. 343

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
Planning and Development	43	AA EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT (<i>see HB 6557</i>)	Bill Status	File No. 498
Planning and Development	485	AA PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE AS CITATION HEARING OFFICERS	Bill Status	File No. 443
Planning and Development	487	AA PROHIBITING LOCAL BUILDING STANDARDS	Bill Status	File No. 216 PSS → JFS
Planning and Development	499	AAC FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES	Bill Status	File No. 445
Planning and Development	686	AAC APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AND A STUDY OF LAND USE PERMITTING PROCEDURES	Bill Status	File No. 204
Planning and Development	859	AA EXTENDING THE TIME OF EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN LAND USE PERMITS	Bill Status	File No. 160 Sen. passed as amended by Sen "A"
Planning and Development	860	AAC BONDS FOR APPROVED SUBDIVISIONS	Bill Status	File No. 504
Planning and Development	862	AAC LIABILITY OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS	Bill Status	File No. 161
Planning and Development	869	AAC THE TIME IN WHICH A REGULATED ACTIVITY MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER A PERMIT ISSUED BY AN INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION	Bill Status	File No. 163 Sen. passed as amended by Sen "A"
Planning and Development	896	AA MAKING PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO THE SITE PLAN AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATION PROCESS	Bill Status	File No. 218
Planning and Development	5178	AA AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF ZONE CHANGES TO BE SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL	Bill Status	File No. 138
Planning and Development	5697	AAC CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY COOPERATIVE STATUTES	Bill Status	File No. 476
Planning and Development	5780	AAC INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS (<i>see HB 6108 and HB 6294</i>)	Bill Status	File No. 192
Planning and Development	5921	AA AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF LAND BANKS	Bill Status	File No. 477
Planning and Development	6100	AAC REGIONAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE SHARING	Bill Status	File No. 382
Planning and Development	6339	AA AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PUBLISH NOTICES ON THE INTERNET	Bill Status	File No. 519
OTHER COMMITTEES				
General Law	866	AA ESTABLISHING A REAL ESTATE BUYER'S TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING OPEN SPACE PURCHASES AND OTHER PROJECTS BY MUNICIPALITIES	Bill Status	File No. 18 ENV → JFS
Commerce	1019	AA EXPEDITING THE STATE PERMITTING PROCESS	Bill Status	File No. 167
Commerce	1020	AAC WATER RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	File No. 168



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Judiciary	1030	AAC AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF A ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Bill Status	JFS → FL
Finance Revenue & Bonding	1157	AAC THE RESTORATION OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT FUND	Bill Status	JFS → FL
Public Health	1203	AAC WATER PROTECTION	Bill Status	File No. 527
Housing	6052	AAC SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	Bill Status	JF → APPR
Judiciary	6341	AAC THE STATUTE OF REPOSE FOR ASBESTOS-RELATED PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIMS	Bill Status	JF → FL
Commerce	6400	AAC LICENSURE OF STORMWATER PROFESSIONALS	Bill Status	File No. 196
Commerce	6526	AAC BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER	Bill Status	File No. 469
Commerce	6528	AAC BONDING FOR BROWNFIELDS	Bill Status	File No. 360 HS → FRB
Judiciary	6557	AAC LIABILITY FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF LANDS	Bill Status	JFS → FL

* JF – Joint Favorable; JFS – Joint Favorable Substitute; and FL – Floor (of House or Senate).

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