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The legislative session ends in two weeks on May 5, 2010. The activity at the General Assembly has already sped up. The House and Senate are meeting regularly and committees are busy meeting on referred bills. Table 1 below provides the status of select environmental, energy, and land use related bills that may be of interest. The bill text and a short plain language summary are available by clicking on the "File Copy" for each bill.

This is also the busiest time of year for amendments to bills. So, if you are tracking specific bills, you can search the legislative database for amendments related to your bill by going to the "Bill Status" page and looking for links to amendments or search all amendments at www.search.cga.state.ct.us (not all amendments are filed well in advance of being called so there may still be some surprises).

Tracking bills in the last few days of the session can also be a little trickier. During most of the session, bills are reprinted with the amended text before final action; however, because of the pace of activities in the final days, reprinting is not required for bills acted on after May 1, 2010. Therefore, the best way to check for amendments in the final days of the session is to check the "Bill Status" page for adopted amendments and then check to see if the latest file copy includes the amendment.

Finally, if you are trying to figure out whether the House or Senate is ready to vote on a bill, first refer to the respective "Calendar" to see if the bill is marked double "XX" (bills marked with one "X" are not technically ready for action). Next, for House action, check the daily "Go List" on session days to see if the bill is scheduled for a vote. The Senate designates which bills it will take up at the beginning of each session so you just have to wait and listen for the Senate markings. The Calendars and the "Go List" are available on the General Assembly's main webpage: www.cga.ct.gov.

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

| Bill No. | Title | Bill Status Report | Action (as of 4/21) | File Copy |
|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</u> | | | | |
| 118 | AAC CONNECTICUT QUALIFIED BIODIESEL PRODUCER GRANTS | Bill Status | | File No. 81 |
| 119 | AAC REMEDIATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION | Bill Status | REF→FRB | File No. 239 |
| 120 | AA AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S GUIDANCE STATEMENTS AND POLICIES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE | Bill Status | | File No. 228 |

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| 121 | AAC THE EXTENSION OF GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION | Bill Status | | File No. 230 |
| 124 | AAC LONG ISLAND SOUND AND COASTAL PERMITTING | Bill Status | REF →P&D | File No. 381 |
| 127 | AAC THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR REDEEMED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS | Bill Status | Senate Passed | File No. 572 |
| 382 | AN ACT REQUIRING BIODIESEL BLENDED HEATING OIL AND LOWERING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF HEATING OIL SOLD IN THE STATE | Bill Status | APPR-JFS | File No. 302 |
| 383 | AAC A STATE-WIDE WATER USE PLAN | Bill Status | | File No. 303 |
| 385 | AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY | Bill Status | | File No. 400 |
| 5117 | AAC CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS HELD BY THE STATE | Bill Status | | File No. 95 |
| 5119 | AAC THE REMEDIATION ACCOUNT FOR DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS | Bill Status | | File No. 269 |
| 5120 | AAC PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL RECYCLING, ZONING ORDINANCES AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACTS | Bill Status | | File No. 312 |
| 5320 | AAC THE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN INVASIVE PLANTS | Bill Status | Senate Passed | File No. 219 |
| 5417 | AAC AN OPEN SPACE REGISTRY, THE IDENTIFICATION OF OPEN SPACE FOR ACQUISITION AND THE RECORDING OF CERTAIN OPEN SPACE RESTRICTIONS | Bill Status | | File No. 430 |
| 5418 | AAC INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES | Bill Status | | File No. 431 |
| 5420 | AAC THE TRANSITION FROM THE TEN MIL PROGRAM IN 2011 | Bill Status | | File No. 280 |
| <u>ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</u> | | | | |
| 181 | AAC RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES | Bill Status | | File No. 231 |
| 182 | AAC REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY STATUTES | Bill Status | | File No. 290 |
| 203 | AA PERMITTING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM CLEAN ENERGY FUND PROGRAMS | Bill Status | | File No. 388 |
| 462 | AAC POWER PLANT SAFETY | Bill Status | REF→PSS | File No. 466 |
| 463 | AAC FINANCING OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY | Bill Status | REF→APPR | File No. 465 |
| 5213 | AAC THE SITING COUNCIL | Bill Status | | File No. 446 |
| 5215 | AAC MODIFICATIONS TO THE PURCHASED GAS, ENERGY AND TRANSMISSION RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES | Bill Status | House Passed | File No. 216 |

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| 5365 | AAC ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES | Bill Status | | File No. 450 |
| 5464 | AAC MUNICIPAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS | Bill Status | | File No. 223 |
| 5465 | AAC THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN JOBS | Bill Status | | File No. 455 |
| 5505 | AAC ELECTRIC RATE RELIEF | Bill Status | REF→APPR | File No. 443 |
| 5507 | AAC CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN THE RETAIL ELECTRICITY MARKET | Bill Status | REF→JUD | File No. 444 |
| <u>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</u> | | | | |
| 199 | AAC THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT | Bill Status | | File No. 382 |
| 226 | AAC ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS | Bill Status | Senate Passed | File No. 195 |
| 302 | AAC STATE FUNDING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCATED IN A FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN | Bill Status | | File No. 297 |
| 305 | AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN STONE WALLS | Bill Status | | File No. 393 |
| 338 | AAC THE PROCESSING OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMITS | Bill Status | | File No. 350 |
| OTHER COMMITTEES | | | | |
| 174 | AAC THE STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | | File No. 385 |
| 178 | AAC ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN ENERGY DECISIONS (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | REF→E&T | File No. 289 |
| 365 | AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF PUBLIC AGENCY MINUTES AND LEGAL NOTICES ON THE INTERNET WEB SITE OF A MUNICIPALITY (GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS) | Bill Status | REF→P&D | File No. 473 |
| 428 | AAC REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES (PUBLIC HEALTH) | Bill Status | | File No. 379 |
| 453 | AAC THE STATE'S REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | | File No. 380 |
| 5225 | AAC SOLAR WORK (GENERAL LAW) | Bill Status | REF→E&T | File No. 179 |
| 5208 | AAC EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | | File No. 419 |
| 5374 | AN ACT PROMOTING AND SUSTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CONNECTICUT AND CONCERNING REAL ESTATE LICENSING FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS (HOUSING) | Bill Status | | File No. 155 |
| 5435 | AAC THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAJORITY LEADERS' JOB GROWTH ROUNDTABLE (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | REF →FRB | File No. 415 |
| 5436 | AAC BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION LIABILITY (COMMERCE) | Bill Status | REF →ENV | File No. 328 |



Committees continue to meet even after the JF deadlines to act on bills referred from the Floor. Bills referred out to Committee after the JF deadline die unless the Committee acts on them before the earlier of (1) the start of the session on the third regular session day of the chamber that referred the bill or (2) seven calendar days. You can continue to check the Committee meeting agendas using the links below to see which referred bills a Committee plans to take up.

Table 2: Committee Agendas and JF Reports

| <i>Committee</i> | <i>Meeting Agendas</i> | <i>Meeting Minutes</i> |
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| <u>Energy and Technology</u> | <u>Meeting Agendas</u> | <u>Meeting Minutes</u> |
| <u>Environment</u> | <u>Meeting Agendas</u> | <u>Meeting Minutes</u> |
| <u>Planning and Development</u> | <u>Meeting Agendas</u> | <u>Meeting Minutes</u> |
| <u>Transportation</u> | <u>Meeting Agendas</u> | <u>Meeting Minutes</u> |

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