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To: House Bill No. 5346

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FACILITIES
AND HYDROGEN CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY."**

1 After line 66, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of the general statutes, no state agency, including, but not
4 limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection and the
5 Connecticut Siting Council, shall consider or render a final decision for
6 any applications relating to electric power line crossings or gas
7 pipeline crossings of Long Island Sound including, but not limited to,
8 electrical power line or gas pipeline applications that are pending or
9 received after the effective date of this section for a period of one year
10 after the effective date of this section.

11 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any application for an
12 electric power line or gas pipeline crossing of Long Island Sound that
13 is considered by either the Department of Environmental Protection or

14 the Connecticut Siting Council after the creation of a comprehensive
15 environmental assessment and plan, shall additionally be evaluated
16 for such application's: (1) Likelihood to impair the public trust in Long
17 Island Sound based on the information contained in a comprehensive
18 environmental assessment and plan; and (2) the extent to which the
19 application is consistent with the recommendations of a
20 comprehensive environmental assessment and plan.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any
22 approval received pursuant to any other provision of law prior to the
23 effective date of this section, no electrical power line crossing shall be
24 constructed within Long Island Sound for a period of one year to allow
25 for a comprehensive environmental assessment and plan to be
26 completed. Nothing in section 2, 3 or 4 of this act shall be construed to
27 affect projects in the corridor of Long Island Sound presently leased by
28 Northeast Utilities.

29 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision
30 of the general statutes, the Connecticut Siting Council, within fifteen
31 days of the effective date of this section shall submit the state's
32 advisory opinion to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
33 requesting that, on behalf of the state, the Federal Energy Regulatory
34 Commission not approve any individual new electric power line
35 crossing or gas pipeline crossings for one year to allow for completion
36 of a comprehensive environmental assessment and plan, and that the
37 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission avoid environmental damage
38 to Long Island Sound to the greatest extent possible when licensing
39 any future gas pipelines by considering the recommendations
40 contained in a comprehensive environmental assessment and plan."