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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING DREDGING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study dredging in Connecticut. Such study shall include, but not be
3 limited to: (1) An examination of dredging planning and operations in
4 Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey,
5 (2) an examination of areas in Long Island Sound designated for
6 disposal of dredged material by the United States Environmental
7 Protection Agency, and (3) federal, state and private dredging funding
8 sources.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

11 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

12 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

14 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

15 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

18 (7) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
19 commissioner's designee;

20 (8) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
21 designee;

22 (9) Two persons appointed by the Governor;

23 (10) A representative of each of the port authorities of New Haven,
24 Bridgeport and Norwalk Harbors, who shall be appointed by the
25 Governor; and

26 (11) A member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association,
27 who shall be appointed by the Governor.

28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
29 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
30 of the General Assembly.

31 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
32 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
33 filled by the appointing authority.

34 (e) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the task force from
35 among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall schedule
36 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than
37 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

38 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
40 environment shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2007, the task force shall submit a

42 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to environment, in accordance with the provisions of section
45 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
46 that it submits such report or on January 1, 2007, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To appoint a task force to examine dredging in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]