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Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85th) in Support of Proposed H.B. 5210, AN ACT
CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT ENERGY
ADVISORY BOARD

Before the Commerce Committee

February 25, 2010

This bill comprises one of the legislative changes recommended this session by Program Review & Investigations Committee, which I co-chair with Sen. John Kissel. PRI raised RB 308, an extensive bill based on the report of our research staff that recommended ways the state could improve the state's economic competitiveness. This measure H.B. 5210 is one of a series of recommendations contained in PRI's SB 308, intended to assist economic development with energy issues.

PRI also recommends an amendment: add Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB), as this board also impacts energy efficiency in economic development. See Sec. 129, 131 and 132 of PRI's R.B. 308. (In our bill we also changed the Department's name to reflect a consolidation.)

We commend the Commerce Committee co-chairs for championing this legislation.