

I would like to see all invasive bamboo H.B. No 5122 Enacted which regulates the growth and sale of Golden Bamboo. To make it unlawful for a person planting golden bamboo to allow such bamboo to spread onto a neighbor's property, and to require retailers of golden bamboo to provide purchasers with notice of this law.

Golden Bamboo is a "nuisance" with a reputation of being planted without barriers and then spreads into neighbors' yards. This bamboo can be classified as "runners" (invasive) or "clumpers" (non-invasive), Running bamboos spread vigorously 5-10 feet per year and under fences, through expansion joints in concrete, and over barriers designed to restrain them.

My neighbor, Mrs. Olga Varga, recently elected member to the Greenwich RTM has 30 feet high bamboo growing in her yard within 10 feet the boundry line. As a result this grove of weeds is not indigenous to Connecticut and has been and will continue to be distructive to the natural environment, including indigenous flora.

I would characterize this "nuisance" as injurious to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

Mrs. Varga's bamboo grove is approximately 30 feet high and has been used as a spite fence for the last 20 years. Mrs. Varga's bamboo has devalued the property where I reside. Mrs. Varga's bamboo stumps jut out of the ground, hidden in the grass have caused me to fall and injure my self. In an attempt by hand, to eliminate new shoots, Mrs. Varga's bamboo sprouts are surrounded by thorny bramble causing severe pain and suffering upon contact. Mrs. Varga's 30 feet bamboo, after a severe wind storm lands in the yard, leaving culms all over the place which obstructs free use of the yard. Mrs. Varga's bamboo was a threat to the mullberry tree, which died and cost me of \$700 to remove, and the lilac bushes which have thinned out, as the bamboo competes for dominance in the yard. Mrs. Varga was asked to remove the bamboo by the roots by attorney John Vecchiolla on or about 2002, which she has not done.

With this bill, I am hoping that if notified, Mrs. Varga will abate a nuisance and a spite fence directed at her neighbor with the intent to devalue said property in order to purchase it at below fair market value.. (see/google: Mary Kantorwski vs Peter Kantorowski, Fairfield, CT) I live on the property with my senior mother.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and a thank you to Caryn Rickel of Seymour, CT for her thick stack of internet research and tireless campaign to get House Bill No. 5122 Invasive Bamboo to the threshing floor Genesis 50: 10-11, or rather thrashing floor, no pun intended.

Sincerely yours,

Linda R. Morano 😊