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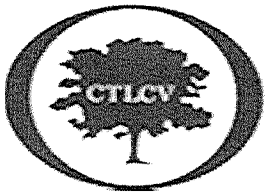

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

3/16/2012

The following bills are of high concern to the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters and are being heard in the Environment Committee on 3/16/12

POSITION	BILL #	DESCRIPTION	CTLCV POSITION
SUPPORT	SB 93	AN ACT CONCERNING A MERCURY THERMOSTAT COLLECTION AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM	Mercury is highly neurotoxic to all of us and exposure to even a small amount can cause learning disorders and developmental delays in young children, and a single gram is enough to make all of the fish in a 20 acre lake unsafe to eat for a year.
SUPPORT	SB 348	AN ACT CONCERNING WATER CONSERVATION	This bill authorizes water company rates that support conservation measures and investments in infrastructure which promote water and energy conservation.
OPPOSE	SB 376	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT AND SHORELINE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES	This will place an unprecedented burden on municipal zoning commissions with regards to all coastal erosion control structures. It requires commissions to either 1) approve an applicant's proposal or 2) spend the money to develop an alternate engineering plan for the applicant. It also puts serious constraints on the alternate plan.
SUPPORT	HB 5121	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF ORGANIC PESTICIDES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF THE USE OF PESTICIDES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.	The pesticide industry puts a pesticide preemption law in 42 states so that towns could not have stricter laws concerning lawn-care pesticide than their state regulations. This legislation would allow towns to decide whether they want to adopt stricter, never less strict, lawn care methods than the state.
OPPOSE	HB 5410	AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CONSERVATION FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.	This will transfer the conservation functions, including forestry, parks and fish and game, from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and rename the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For more information about these bills, please visit our website at www.ctlcv.org, or contact Patrick Shortell at 860-236-5442

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