



**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION VOTERS**

The following bills have significant environmental impact and are being heard at a public hearing in the Judiciary Committee on 3/29/12.

We respectfully urge you to:

OPPOSE Senate Bill 445

AAC LIABILITY FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF LAND

This bill seeks to amend the definition of "land" under the Recreational Land Use Act. The bill states that when it comes to land owned by a municipality, political subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, special district or water or sewer district, it will now EXCLUDE public beaches, boardwalks, designated spectator areas and structures, and paved sidewalks open to the public for pedestrian use from the definition of land. This is an effort to weaken the protection against liability for towns on many recreational areas.

OPPOSE House Bill 5551

AAC THE PROTECTION OF POWER AND TELEPHONE LINES.

This proposal allows electric or telephone companies to acquire, by eminent domain, a tree or shrub that is on or adjacent to an existing right-of-way or easement held by the company. If the company determines that a tree or shrub could cause an interruption in the delivery of such service it can remove it without the consent of the property owner.

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

Thank you.