

To the environmental Committee,

There was a lot of concern expressed at the public hearing on pesticides HB 443 and GMO grass seed SB5330. It should be known that there are no plans for commercialization of Roundup ready turf. Monsanto has the capability to do it but it was stopped by the company from further development when it was found that the Roundup ready gene could be passed into non genetically modified turf species in the wild. There are no plans to develop Roundup ready turf in the future. I gave testimony supporting current use practices that the Ct DEEP has in place and support not banning pesticides on grades 8-12. GMO turf is not going to happen so a lot of public concern over this is not justified.

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