

Environment Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 22, 2021

10:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Channel 1B

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Chairman, Sen. Cohen C. S12.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Cohen C. S12; Haskell W. S26; Kasser A. S36; Kushner J. S24; Miner C. S30; Slap D. S05

Representatives: Berger-Girvalo A. 111; Betts W. 078; Borer D. 115; Callahan P. 108; Chafee B. 033; Demicco M. 021; Dillon P. 092; Dubitsky D. 047; Fishbein C. 090; Gresko J. 121; Gucker K. 138; Harding S. 107; Harrison C. 069; Hennessy J. 127; Horn M. 064; Michel D. 146; Mushinsky M. 085; Palm C. 036; Parker J. 101; Piscopo J. 076; Rebimbas R. 070; Ryan K. 139; Smith F. 118; Wilson D. 066; Young P. 120

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: O'Dea T. 125; Reyes G. 075

Sen. Cohen convened the meeting at 10:12 AM welcoming everyone.

Rep. Harding and Sen. Cohen reiterated that a vote to raise a concept is not an affirmation of the proposal itself and the want to have further discussion on the topics.

Sen. Cohen asked for a motion to draft items listed under Section III on the agenda as Raised Bills

RAISED BILLS:

1. AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAM CONTAINING PFAS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
2. AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ENHANCEMENTS TO AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
3. AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ENHANCEMENTS TO AQUACULTURE PROGRAMS
4. AN ACT CONCERNING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL AND RELATED FUNDING FOR LAKES
5. AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING RELATING TO PESTICIDE USE
6. AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO CERTAIN FISHING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
7. AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISCARDED TIRES, SMOKE DETECTORS AND GAS CYLINDERS IV. PROPOSALS TO BE DRAFTED AS RESOLUTIONS

A motion was duly made by Sen. Miner and seconded by Rep. Borer.
The motion was passed by voice vote.

Sen. Cohen asked for a motion to draft Resolution Proposing the Adoption of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan under Section IV on the agenda as a Resolution.

RESOLUTION DRAFTED

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN

A motion was duly made by Rep. Gresko and seconded by Rep Mushinsky.

Sen. Cohen asked for discussion on The Long Island Sound Blue Plan. Rep. Piscopo asked about opposition The Long Island Sound Blue Plan. Rep. Gresko responded that The Long Island Sound Blue Plan is advisory only and not regulatory.

Rep. Smith inquires about Audubon Costal Center. Sen. Cohen states that this is not the proper venue for that discussion and take up later.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

Sen. Cohen announced that the Environment Committee will hold their next meeting on Friday, January 27, 2021 at 1PM.

A motion was duly made Rep. Fishbein and seconded Rep. Harding to recess the meeting until 11:30 AM.

The motion was passed by voice vote.

The Environment Committee recessed the meeting until 11:30 AM

Administrator

Committee Clerk