

MARCH 5, 2010

Contrary to the old adage, the month of March is "in like a lamb and out like a lion" for legislative committees. In a short session, the timelines for the committee process are compressed and the mid-to-end of March is a busy time for committees with bill deadlines, public hearings, and joint favorable report deadlines all packed into a few weeks.

The deadline for Raised Bills (*i.e.*, committee requests to fully draft bills that are not based on Proposed Bills) has passed. The deadline for Committee Bills (*i.e.*, requests to fully draft bills based on Proposed Bills that have had a public hearing) is coming up in the next week for most of the committees. As a result, by the end of next week we will know the pool of bills (either Committee or Raised) for this session. That pool of bills will then be further narrowed at the Joint Favorable Report deadline, approximately 10 days later.

Table 1 contains a cumulative list of select bill that may be of interest regarding environmental, energy and land use matters. For more information on each bill select the "Bill Status" link.

Table 1: Environment, Energy, and Land Use Related Bills

Committee of Origin	Bill No.	Title	Bill Status Report	Public Hearing Date (if any)
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE				
Environment	114	AA AUTHORIZING SUNDAY BOW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	Bill Status	
Environment	118	AAC CONNECTICUT QUALIFIED BIODIESEL PRODUCER GRANTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Environment	119	AAC REMEDIATION PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	120	AA AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S GUIDANCE STATEMENTS AND POLICIES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	121	AAC THE EXTENSION OF GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	123	AAC PRESERVING NATURAL VEGETATION NEAR WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/08
Environment	124	AAC LONG ISLAND SOUND AND COASTAL PERMITTING	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	127	AAC RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22

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Environment	205	AAC ENHANCEMENTS TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES ACT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/08
Environment	206	AAC LOCAL LAND USE AGENCIES AND THE SITING OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Environment	273	AAC THE DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN VESSEL PRESSURE WASHING WASTEWATERS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/08
Environment	382	AN ACT REQUIRING BIODIESEL BLENDED HEATING OIL AND LOWERING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF HEATING OIL SOLD IN THE STATE	Bill Status	
Environment	383	AAC A STATE-WIDE WATER USE PLAN	Bill Status	
Environment	385	AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY AND OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES	Bill Status	
Environment	386	AAC THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO WATER USE, PLANNING AND PROTECTION	Bill Status	
Environment	5117	AAC CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS HELD BY THE STATE	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	5119	AAC MINOR REVISIONS TO THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PETROLEUM CLEAN-UP ACCOUNT AND GROUNDWATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT STATUTES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	5120	AAC PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL RECYCLING, ZONING ORDINANCES AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Environment	5121	AAC REVISIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY STATUTE	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Environment	5125	AAC THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF POLLUTION OUTSIDE OF THE STATE THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE POLLUTION OF THE STATE'S AIR, WATER AND LAND	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	5127	AAC THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/22
Environment	5240	AAC AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY REGULATED AREAS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Environment	5319	AAC RECYCLING, CERTAIN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REFORMS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE AND ASH RESIDUE FACILITIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/08
Environment	5418	AAC INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	Bill Status	
ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE				
Energy and Technology	24	AAC SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/23
Energy and Technology	181	AA REDEFINING CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/23
Energy and Technology	182	AAC REVISIONS TO THE UTILITY STATUTES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/23
Energy and Technology	203	AA PERMITTING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM CLEAN ENERGY FUND PROGRAMS	Bill Status	
Energy and Technology	5215	AAC MODIFICATIONS TO THE PURCHASED GAS, ENERGY AND TRANSMISSION RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/23

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Energy and Technology	5361	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL AND STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04
Energy and Technology	5362	AAC RENEWABLE ENERGY	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04
Energy and Technology	5364	AAC VIRTUAL NET METERING	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04
Energy and Technology	5365	AAC ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04
Energy and Technology	5464	AAC MUNICIPAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/11
Energy and Technology	5465	AAC THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN JOBS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/09
Energy and Technology	5466	AAC CLIMATE CHANGE	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/09
Energy and Technology	5467	AAC THE COORDINATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/09
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE				
Planning and Development	144	AAC ENHANCED REGIONALISM	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/10
Planning and Development	199	AAC THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/10
Planning and Development	302	AAC STATE FUNDING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCATED IN A FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/05
Planning and Development	304	AAC STATE SURPLUS PROPERTIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/05
Planning and Development	338	AN ACT REDUCING DEVELOPMENT BURDENS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/05
Planning and Development	5031	AA REDUCING COSTS TO MUNICIPALITIES	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/10
Planning and Development	5208	AAC EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/25
Planning and Development	5240	AAC AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY REGULATED AREAS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Planning and Development	5268	AAC TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/01
Planning and Development	5338	AAC LOCAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/10
OTHER COMMITTEES				
Commerce	37	AAC THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT LOANS	Bill Status	
Commerce	174	AAC THE STANDARDS OF WATER QUALITY	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/25
Commerce	178	AAC ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN ENERGY DECISIONS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/25
Judiciary	238	AAC A SPECIALIZED DOCKET FOR LAND USE APPEALS	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/03
Housing	317	AAC BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE FIVE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOODPLAIN	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04

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Education	5192	AAC REIMBURSEMENT FOR UPDATING HVAC SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS	Bill Status	
General Law	5225	AAC SOLAR WORK	Bill Status	Public Hearing 02/25
Program Review and Investigations	5301	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/08
Commerce	5359	AN ACT REQUIRING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BE ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/02
Housing	5374	AAC PROMOTING AND SUSTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CONNECTICUT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/04
Commerce	5436	AAC BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION LIABILITY	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/09
Commerce	5437	AAC FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND DEVELOPMENT	Bill Status	Public Hearing 03/09
Public Health	5477	AAC THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND STREAM FLOW REGULATIONS	Bill Status	

To view the upcoming and past public hearing agendas, meeting agendas, or minutes, select the appropriate link in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Committee Agendas and Minutes

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Public Hearing Agendas</i>	<i>Meeting Agendas</i>	<i>Meeting Minutes</i>
Energy and Technology	Public Hearing Agendas	Meeting Agendas	Meeting Minutes
Environment	Public Hearing Agendas	Meeting Agendas	Meeting Minutes
Planning and Development	Public Hearing Agendas	Meeting Agendas	Meeting Minutes
Transportation	Public Hearing Agendas	Meeting Agendas	Meeting Minutes

The Environment Committee will hold its next public hearing on [March 8](#); the Energy and Technology Committee's next public hearing is [March 9](#); and the Planning and Development Committee's next public hearing is [March 10](#). To view the agendas, select the hearing date or select the Committee's "Public Hearing Agendas" link above.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or would like more detailed information on any bills, please contact Matt Ranelli at (860) 251-5748 or by e-mail at mranelli@goodwin.com. You can also contact any member of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Group by calling (860) 251-5000 or by visiting Shipman & Goodwin's website at <http://www.shipmangoodwin.com>.

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