



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 549

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Substitute House Bill No. 5534

House of Representatives, April 9, 2026

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB MOVEMENT, THE STATE AMPHIBIAN AND THE STATE ROCK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The state of Connecticut
2 shall be known as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Club movement,
3 which began in Hartford in 1860 with the founding of the Dashaway
4 Club by Mary Goodwin, Alice Goodwin, Elizabeth Hamersley and
5 Louisa Bushnell, to provide boys with safe, positive and productive
6 opportunities.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The spring peeper, *Pseudacris*
8 *crucifer*, shall be the state amphibian.

9 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Housatonic marble shall be
10 the state rock.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill recognizes the state of Connecticut as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Club, designates the spring peeper as the state amphibian, and designates Housatonic marble as the state rock, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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SUMMARY

The bill designates (1) Connecticut as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Club movement; (2) the spring peeper, *Pseudacris crucifer*, as the state amphibian; (3) and Housatonic marble as the state rock.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/20/2026)