

Requesting All Members Of New York State Senate To End Stalemate And Return To Work On People's Business

Chairman David B. Donaldson and Legislator Zimet and Legislators Aiello, Bischoff, Briggs, Cahill, Cummings, Dart, Decker, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Gregorius, Hansut, Harris, Hochberg, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, Noonan, R.S. Parete, Petit, Provenzano, Roberti, Roberts, Rodriguez, Ronk, Shapiro, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Terrizzi offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate, which has been in a stalemate for three weeks has postponed numerous pieces of legislation, potentially leading to devastating property tax increases coupled with draconian reductions in services for the residents of New York, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County would lose over 2 million the last month of 2009 and over 23 million for 2010 without various tax extenders being passed, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston would be forced into bankruptcy as well as many towns, and

WHEREAS, many local and regional jobs will be lost, and

WHEREAS, key legislation like sales tax extenders, as well as other general state funding for social services, transportation and other county programs are necessary to avoid a crippling effect that would bring about fiscal devastation for the entire Hudson Valley region as well as other regions throughout New York, and

WHEREAS, enabling legislation to implement federal stimulus money is at risk while some may have already been lost, which in turn has jeopardized an important taxpayer relief measure that most likely will never be available again, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature demands that the New York State Senate end the stalemate and get to work on the people's business, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we, the Ulster County Legislature, expect no added compensation or per diem payments be collected by any New York State Senator as a direct or indirect result of this increased session time, and, be it further

Resolution No. 232 July 8, 2009

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor David Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., Senate Minority Leader Dean G. Skelos, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., and the New York State Association of Counties, and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator R.A. Parete)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Loughran
and Stoeckeler)
(Legislator Hansut left at 8:25 PM)

Legislator Cahill motioned, seconded by Legislator Noonan to suspend the Rules of Order to consider Resolution No. 232.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 28 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Decker, Loughran and
Stoeckeler)
(Legislator Hansut left at 8:25 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNKNOWN