



Albany Update

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BUDGET UPDATE

Conference committees have been meeting all this week. Although progress has been made, there are no final resolutions. In addition, as a result of a recent Court of Appeals decision, there remain outstanding issues dealing with the constitutional constraints on the legislature to change programmatic language in the Governor's budget proposal. Staffers will continue to work on budget details throughout this weekend. The Governor and the legislative leaders have agreed to meet 6:30 PM on Sunday night in order to continue budget discussions.

Legislators have been told that it is likely that budget negotiations will continue through Thursday of next week, at which time they will break for the Easter holiday. Ideally when they return to Albany on Tuesday the 29th, the legislators can begin passing budget bills.

This Thursday, **MARCH 24TH** Bolton-St. Johns will host a special a **PRIVATE** evening with NYS Comptroller,

ALAN HEVESI

This event will give our clients a unique opportunity to meet and talk with the comptroller in a relaxed setting.

Thursday, March 24th

6—8 PM

Gibbons Law Offices

One Penn Plaza (34th between 7th and 8th)

37th Floor

NYC

Contact: Ed Draves

518 462-4620

Photo ID required for admittance

FUNDRAISERS

Monday, March 21st

Senator Neil Breslin [D]
Ranking member: Finance
Albany, \$300

Senator John DeFrancisco [R]
Deputy Majority Leader
Albany, \$400

Senator Martin Dilan [D]
Ranking member: Elections
Albany, \$250

Senator Jim Wright [R]
Chair: Energy & Telecommunications
Albany, \$400

Assemblymember Maureen O'Connell [R]
Ranking member: Health
Albany, \$250

Assemblymember Tom O'Mara
Ranking member: Corrections
Albany, \$250

Assemblymember Jack Quinn [R]
Ranking member: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse
Albany, \$175

Assemblymember Phil Ramos [D]
Albany, \$250

Assemblymember Bob Reilly [D]
Albany, \$250

Assemblymember Keith Wright [D]
Chair: Election Law

Tuesday, March 22nd

Senator Marty Golden [R]
Chair: Aging
Albany, \$300

Senator Tom Libous [R]
Chair: Transportation
Albany, \$500

Senator Ada Smith [D]
Ranking member: Corporations
Albany, \$300

Assemblymember Peter Abbate [D]
Chair: Government Employees
Albany, \$250

The Week of March 28th:

Assemblymembers:
Colton, Hoyt, Raia, Titus, Weprin