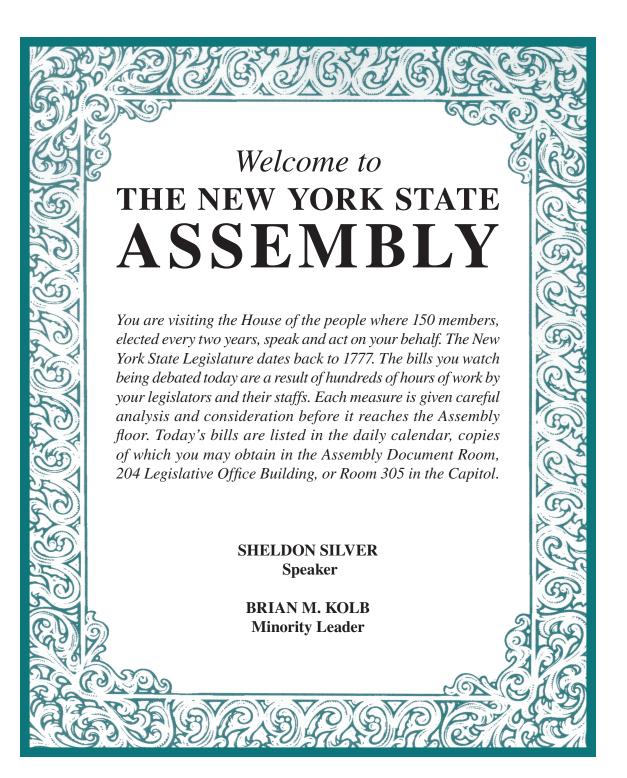
STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair	Room	Day	Time
Aging	Joan L. Millman	104A	Tue	12:00
Agriculture	William Magee	829	Tue	9:00
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	Steven Cymbrowitz	630	Tue	2:30
Banks	Annette Robinson	423	Tue	2:30
Children and Families	Donna A. Lupardo	624	Tue	9:00
Cities	Felix Ortiz	843	Tue	9:30
Codes	Joseph R. Lentol	630	Tue	11:00
Consumer Affairs and Protection	Jeffrey Dinowitz	942	Tue	3:00
Corporations, Authorities and Commissions	James F. Brennan	423	Tue	11:30
Correction	Daniel J. O'Donnell	524	Tue	1:30
Economic Development	Robin Schimminger	846	Tue	10:00
Education	Catherine Nolan	835	Wed	10:00
Election Law	Michael Cusick	715	Wed	9:00
Energy	Amy Paulin	715	Tue	11:00
Environmental Conservation	Robert K. Sweeney	623	Tue	12:00
Ethics and Guidance	Charles D. Lavine	557	Tue	2:00
Governmental Employees	Peter J. Abbate, Jr.	840	Tue	1:00
Governmental Operations	Steve Englebright	623	Tue	11:00
Health	Richard N. Gottfried	823	Tue	1:00
Higher Education	Deborah J. Glick	715	Tue	11:30
Housing	Keith L.T. Wright	942	Tue	2:00
Insurance	Kevin A. Cahill	714	Wed	10:00
Judiciary	Helene E. Weinstein	832	Tue	10:00
Labor	Carl E. Heastie	524	Tue	12:30
Libraries & Education Technology	Micah Kellner	715	Tue	9:30
Local Governments	William B. Magnarelli	838	Tue	1:00
Mental Health	Aileen M. Gunther	825	Tue	11:00
Oversight, Analysis and Investigation	Andrew Hevesi	104	Tue	12:30
Racing and Wagering	J. Gary Pretlow	846	Wed	9:00
Real Property Taxation	Sandy Galef	641A	Tue	10:00
Small Business	William Scarborough	624	Tue	1:30
Social Services	Michele R. Titus	843	Tue	12:30
Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development	Margaret M. Markey	714	Wed	9:30
Transportation	David F. Gantt	829	Tue	2:00
Veterans' Affairs	Michael Benedetto	840	Tue	9:30
Ways and Means	Herman D. Farrell, Jr.	711A	Tue	3:00

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Visiting the Capitol

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Your legislators hope that you have found the time spent here informative. Differences of opinion debated by the members are often profound and vigorous. These differences are the expression of your constitutional rights through 150 men and women, assembled to consider the issues and seek solutions.

Standing committee meetings

When a bill is introduced, it is assigned to one of over 30 standing committees that function year-round. The committees, their chairpersons, meeting dates and room numbers are listed in this guide. Except for an occasional executive session, committee meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend those of interest to you. Agendas are available through the Public Information Office, Room 202, Legislative Office Building.



Contacting your Assemblymember

Your representative in the Assembly is interested in hearing your ideas for legislation and how you feel about bills already in the works. You should write to members of the Assembly at the Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248 or in care of the district office. The most effective letters are brief and factual. You can also log on to www.assembly.state.ny.us, the Assembly's website. If a group is interested in a legislative issue, a petition indicating support or opposition can be sent to appropriate legislators and committees.

Call your representative whenever you have a legitimate grievance, problem or question. It may be necessary for the Assemblymember to get in touch with government agencies with jurisdiction over the matter. In this way, your representative can help you obtain results.

Assemblymembers are always happy to meet with their constituents, either in their district offices or in Albany. It is advisable to phone ahead for an appointment.

Public hearings

Assembly standing committees hold public hearings on legislative proposals all over the state throughout the year. Information on public hearings can be obtained through the specific committee sponsoring the hearing, the Public Information Office and the Assembly website. You may speak at a hearing by writing to the chairperson and requesting permission. You do not need permission simply to attend. You may also advise the chairperson in advance that you would like to be notified when hearings are to be held on a subject in which you are interested.

Public Information Office

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