

**Carl Kruger, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
and**

**Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Chairman, Assembly Ways and Means  
Committee**

The Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees announce the Joint Legislative Hearing Schedule on the 2009-2010 Executive Budget submitted to the Legislature by Governor David Paterson.

Each of the hearings on the **attached schedule** will facilitate the legislative review of the budget proposals made by the Governor. Each of the hearings will focus on a specific programmatic area of the budget. These hearings are the first step in gathering information from the public.

Hearings on programmatic areas of the budget will begin on January 13, 2009 and continue in accordance with the attached schedule through February 4, 2009. The respective State Agency or Department heads will lead off testimony each day, followed by interested members of the public. Those wishing to address the Committees are asked to limit their discussion to the programmatic topic area of the budget under consideration at the hearing scheduled for that day and **to limit their comments to no more than ten minutes.**

Persons wishing to testify should contact the appropriate contact person listed on the attached schedule no later than the close of business two days prior to the respective hearing. An effort will be made to schedule those who respond in a timely manner earlier in the day. **Forty copies of your testimony should be presented at the registration desk at each respective hearing.**

The agency and departmental portion of the hearings are provided for in Article 7, Section 3 of the Constitution and Article 2, Section 31 of the Legislative Law. The State Legislature is also soliciting public comment on the proposed budget pursuant to Article 2, Section 32-a of the Legislative Law.

**SCHEDULE OF LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ON 2009 - 10 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL**

**Contact for all hearings: Clinton Freeman, Jr., (518) 455-5491**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>
January 13	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Environmental Conservation
January 14	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Human Services
January 15	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Higher Education
January 22	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Local Government Officials/General Government
January 27	Hearing Room C	9:30 AM	Public Protection
January 27	Hearing Room C	1:00 PM	Transportation
January 28	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Elementary & Secondary Education
January 29	Hearing Room C	9:30 AM	Housing
January 29	Hearing Room C	1:00 PM	Mental Hygiene
February 2	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Health/Medicaid
February 3	Hearing Room C	9:30 AM	Taxes
February 3	Hearing Room C	1:00 PM	Economic Development
February 4	Hearing Room C	10:00 AM	Workforce Issues