



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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New York State. Among topics already discussed, a delegation of the New York State Conference of Mayors has presented their legislative agenda for 2010, the Mayor of Albany has shared his agenda 2010 and a hearing with NYSCHA is scheduled for April.

March is a time to observe and remember the history of women in our society. We will continue to fight for social and economic justice, marking March as Women History Month.

In my effort to increase the count of the 2010 Census, a partnership was created with the U.S. Census Bureau. We will work very hard to ensure that every person in District 10 will be counted. My 2010 Census kickoff took place on February 18, 2010 at the Robert Ross Johnson Family Life Center in St. Albans. Informational data was distributed as well as refreshments served.

In my quest to better serve you in the Senate, I have proposed several bills for the 2010 legislative year. These are not passed as of yet but are in committee at this time:

- To provide legal assistance to youth ordered into the custody of the Office of Children and Family Services and placed or committed to a state operated juvenile detention center.
- To amend the penal law in order to protect the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person.
- To permit the City of New York to award contracts to the lowest bidder in order to complete a public works project, as well as repeal upon expiration.

The tragedy in Port au Prince, Haiti has touched many of us. I have made every effort to assist relatives of the victims, provide assistance and comfort as well as offering prayers and condolences to those in need. The New York State Senate has created the Haiti Assistance and Relief Taskforce (HART) to coordinate the senate's response to this catastrophe. Go to my website at Huntley.nyssenate.gov for more information. Again, we have experienced a tremendous tragedy. To the people of Chile and Turkey, we will give support and prayers