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Seward Applauds Budget Agreement

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ALBANY, 03/28/11 -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today commented on the budget agreement announced by the governor and legislative leaders:

“The budget agreement balances the books in Albany and accomplishes the goals I announced I would pursue at the start of the year - lowering state spending, ending tax hikes, and providing incentives for upstate job growth.

“The agreement also restores some funding for needy school districts and eliminates numerous costs shifts to local governments, both necessary steps to help keep local property taxes in check.

“While the spending plan will produce some pain, it is a realistic strategy that will position New York for future growth and help speed overall economic recovery. Families have had to tighten their belts, state government must also.

“I look forward to finalizing the details and moving ahead with approval of an on-time budget.”