



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

## Presiding Officer

THOMAS F. O'MARA March 23, 2011



**PRESIDING OFFICER**--The Constitution of the State of New York designates the state's Lieutenant Governor as the **President of the Senate and its presiding officer**. When the lieutenant governor is unable to attend one of the Senate's regular sessions, Senate leaders appoint a senator to assume these responsibilities for the day. Senator O'Mara, who's serving his first term in the Senate following three consecutive terms as a New York State Assemblyman, presided over the Senate for the first time on Monday, March 21, 2011. In this photo, he's joined by Senate Parliamentarian Jack Casey (r.).