



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Presiding Officer

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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.).