

**News From the  
New York State Senate  
Temporary Committee On Rules Reform**

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**SENATE RULES COMMITTEE LAUNCHES YOUTUBE CHANNEL FOR  
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

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The State Senate Temporary Committee on Rules and Administration Reform has created a YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/NYSenateRulesReform](http://www.youtube.com/NYSenateRulesReform)) as an additional, transparent means of soliciting public feedback on the legislative process. The channel allows individuals to record and share input on Senate procedure as the Temporary Committee concludes their public hearing phase over the next 10 days. Responses will be considered in the Committee's final recommendations, which will be presented to the full Senate by April 13th.

The final two hearings of the Temporary Committee will occur tonight in New York City at 6 PM and on Friday in Long Island at 10 AM. The two previous Committee hearings, held in Syracuse (February 6) and Albany (February 10), have each drawn dozens of witnesses.

In keeping with the stated goals of this process, the New York City and Long Island hearings will be broadcast live at Temporary Committee's web site: [www.senate.state.ny.us/sws/reform/index.html](http://www.senate.state.ny.us/sws/reform/index.html) (under "Live Video Feed"). The site also features video of past hearings, as well as witness testimony and transcripts.

As its first action of the 2009 legislative session, the State Senate created the Temporary Committee on Rules and Government Administration Reform, with bi-partisan Co-Chairs Senators David Valesky and John Bonacic, to consider and recommend long-term reforms to the Senate's rules and administration practices. Other members of the committee include Senators Joseph Griffo, Jeff Klein, Kevin Parker, José M. Serrano, Daniel Squadron, Andrea Stewart-Cousins and George Winner.