



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Malcolm Smith

Statement From Austin Shafran, Press Secretary For Senate Majority Leader Malcolm A. Smith

[MALCOLM A. SMITH](#) June 10, 2009

“The Temporary President and Majority Leader, Senator Malcolm A. Smith, was elected to a two year term pursuant to a resolution passed by a majority of Senators in January 2009. The purported coup was an unlawful violation of New York State law and the Senate rules and we do not accept it. The Senate Majority is fully prepared to go back to the people’s work, but will not enter the chamber to be governed by unlawful rules. We plan to file an action for a temporary injunction to enjoin the Republicans from illegitimately usurping authority from the people of New York,” said Austin Shafran, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Malcolm A. Smith.