

Senator Fuschillo Appointed to Senate Finance Committee

CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO JR. January 7, 2011

Senator Charles Fuschillo (R, Merrick) has been appointed to serve on the powerful Senate Finance Committee by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

"I am honored that Senator Skelos has appointed me to this committee," Senator Fuschillo said. "Our state faces an enormous challenge, closing a multi-billion dollar budget deficit, reducing spending and taxes and providing property tax relief. The Senate Finance Committee will be at the center of the budget debate and I look forward to providing a strong voice in the budget discussion for my district and for all of Long Island."

"Senator Fuschillo has done an outstanding job advocating for the best interests of his constituents in state budget and finance issues," Senator Skelos said. "Senator Fuschillo is a trusted advisor and good friend and has the ability to work with the Governor and colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get things done. I'm confident he will provide valuable input as a member of the Finance Committee that can benefit the entire state as we tackle the tough issues ahead."

This is the first time that Senator Fuschillo has served on the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate Finance Committee has a major responsibility to review the Governor's proposed budget, including conducting public hearings and developing the Senate's priorities for the State Budget. The Finance Committee will examine appropriations and disbursements for each agency included in the budget.

The Senate Finance Committee also reviews and considers bills and resolutions that provide for an appropriation of funds. In addition, the Finance Committee acts on nominations sent by the Governor for appointments to many boards, authorities, agencies and commissions, and moving the nominations to the full Senate.

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