



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Seward Applauds Budget Agreement

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ALBANY, 03/28/11 -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) today commented on the budget agreement announced by the governor and legislative leaders:

**“The budget agreement balances the books in Albany and accomplishes the goals I announced I would pursue at the start of the year – lowering state spending, ending tax hikes, and providing incentives for upstate job growth.**

**“The agreement also restores some funding for needy school districts and eliminates numerous costs shifts to local governments, both necessary steps to help keep local property taxes in check.**

**“While the spending plan will produce some pain, it is a realistic strategy that will position New York for future growth and help speed overall economic recovery. Families have had to tighten their belts, state government must also.**

**“I look forward to finalizing the details and moving ahead with approval of an on-time budget.”**