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## Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of May 15, 2017 ~ 'Pouring out a few thoughts on tourism'

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New York State attracted a record 239 million visitors last year. These visitors drove nearly \$65 billion in direct spending, the highest amount ever. The industry overall generated a nearly \$105-billion economic impact.

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, "**Pouring out a few thoughts on tourism**"

[See attached copy above of Senator O'Mara's column in *The Leader* on May 14, 2017]