

April 5, 2013

Dear Ms. Sassower:

Your letter dated March 28, 2013 was received on that date.

You have requested certain records relating to the joint conference committee process. Specifically, you have requested:

1. A copy of the joint certificate constituting the joint committee on conference;
2. A copy of the written report of the joint budget conference committee; and
3. A copy of the written subcommittee reports filed with the joint budget conference committee.

In response to your request, a copy of the joint certificate dated March 11, 2103, and amended certificates dated March 18, 2013 and March 19, 2013 are attached. No written reports of the joint budget conference committee or its subcommittees were filed.

In addition to your request for documents, you have asked this office to provide you with the explanation for certain actions or decisions. Please be advised that the function of this office is simply to respond to request for records. I hope we have been helpful in that regard.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Robin Marilla
Records Access Officer



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

AMENDMENT TO JOINT CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Joint Rules II and III of the Permanent Rules of the Senate and the Assembly

Whereas, on March 11, 2013 Temporary Presidents of the Senate Dean G. Skelos and Jeffrey Klein and Speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Silver executed a Joint Certificate convening a Joint Conference Committee to resolve differences between similar legislation adopted by each house of the Legislature relating to the 2013-2014 State Budget; and

Whereas, the resolution of differences between such legislation requires an additional extension of the time for deliberations of such Conference Committee for a period of one (1) day, beginning March 19, 2013 and ending at midnight on March 19, 2013;

Now, therefore, Dean G. Skelos and Jeffrey Klein, as Temporary Presidents of the Senate, and Sheldon Silver, as Speaker of the Assembly, hereby amend clause "2" in the Joint Certificate to read as follows:

2. Such Committee on Conference shall be convened as soon as reasonably practicable and shall be dissolved not later than the earlier of the filing of a report pursuant to Joint Rules II and III, or by midnight on March 19, 2013, unless extended by written notice signed by the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2013.

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Dean G. Skelos
Temporary President
of the Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Klein", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Klein
Temporary President
of the Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheldon Silver", written over a horizontal line.

Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the Assembly



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Whereas, on March 18, 2013 Temporary Presidents of the Senate Dean G. Skelos and Jeffrey Klein and Speaker Sheldon Silver executed an Amendment to the Joint Certificate originally executed on March 11, 2013 to continue the time for deliberations of such Conference Committee through midnight on March 19, 2013; and

Whereas, the resolution of differences between such legislation requires an additional extension of the time for deliberations of such Conference Committee for a period of one (1) day, beginning March 20, 2013 and ending at midnight on March 20, 2013;

Now, therefore, Dean G. Skelos and Jeffrey Klein, as Temporary Presidents of the Senate, and Sheldon Silver, as Speaker of the Assembly, hereby amend clause "2" in the Joint Certificate, as amended, to read as follows:

2. Such Committee on Conference shall be convened as soon as reasonably practicable and shall be dissolved not later than the earlier of the filing of a report pursuant to Joint Rules II and III, or by midnight on March 20, 2013, unless extended by written notice signed by the Temporary Presidents of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2013.

Dean G. Skelos
Temporary President
of the Senate

Jeffrey Klein
Temporary President
of the Senate

Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the Assembly



New York State Legislature

JOINT CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Joint Rules II and III of the Permanent Rules of the Senate and the Assembly

Whereas, Joint Rules II and III of the Permanent Rules of the Senate and Assembly provide for the convening of joint conference committees to resolve differences between similar bills or resolutions adopted by each house of the Legislature; and

Whereas, the Governor has submitted certain appropriation and nonappropriation bills pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Constitution as part of the 2013-2014 executive budget; the Senate has passed a resolution addressing such appropriation and nonappropriation bills submitted by the Governor (Senate Resolution R818) and incorporating bills (S.2600-C, S.2603-C, S.2604-C, S.2605-C, S.2606-C, S.2607-C, S.2608-C, S.2609-C,) and the Assembly has passed a resolution addressing such appropriation and nonappropriation bills submitted by the Governor (Assembly Resolution 182) and incorporating bills (A.3006-C, A.3001, A.3002, A.3003-C, A.3004-C, A.3005-C, A.3006-C, A.3007-C, A.3008-C and A.3009-C); and

Whereas, such resolutions addressing such appropriation and nonappropriation bills which has been passed by or may be passed by each house of the Legislature contains substantially similar but not identical provisions;

Now, therefore, Dean G. Skelos as Temporary President of the Senate, and Sheldon Silver, as Speaker of the Assembly, hereby certify to the convening of a Joint Committee on Conference on the above-referenced resolutions pursuant to Permanent Joint Rules II and III in accordance with the following:

1. This Joint Conference Committee shall consist of the following members:

Senators:

Dean G. Skelos
Co-Chairperson

Jeffrey Klein

Thomas W. Libous

John A. DeFrancisco

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Members of the Assembly:

Sheldon Silver
Co-Chairperson

Herman D. Farrell, Jr.

Joseph Morelle

Earlene Hooper

Brian M. Kolb

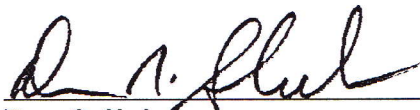
2. Such Committee on Conference shall be convened as soon as reasonably practicable and shall be dissolved not later than the earlier of the filing of a report pursuant to Joint Rules II and III, or March 18, 2013 unless extended by written notice signed by the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly and filed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the Assembly.

3. The Joint Conference Committee may authorize a subcommittee or subcommittees, whose members shall be separately appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, to assist in its efforts at resolving such differing provisions.

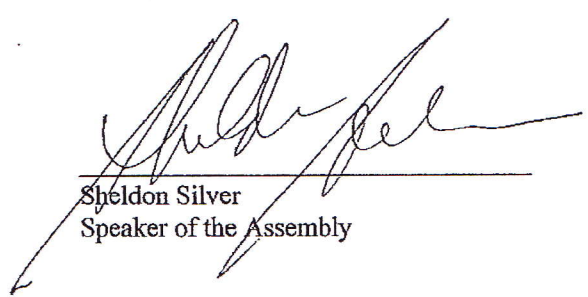
4. The deliberations of such Committee on Conference and/or any subcommittee(s) thereof shall be open to the public in accord with the Open Meetings Law.

5. The Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall designate employees of the Senate and the Assembly to serve as staff for the committee and/or subcommittee(s).

DATED this 11th day of March, 2013.



Dean G. Skelos
Temporary President
of the Senate


Jeffrey D. Klein
Temporary President
of the Senate
Sheldon Silver
Speaker of the Assembly