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Hangin' Tough – The Young Republicans have initiated a campaign and website focused on pressuring Governor Paterson to call a special election date for the recently vacated seat in the 29th congressional district. The seat was formerly held by Democrat Eric Massa until his scandal laced departure amidst staff allegations of sexual harassment. The Governor has resisted calling for a special election and as such the Young Republicans have launched www.IDeserveAVote.com. Lynn Krogh, Chair of the group announced today that “Eric Massa resigned over a month ago and Governor Paterson is once again delaying the people of New York a voice in Washington, D.C., said Krogh. Massive spending bills, such as Obamacare are being passed in D.C, while NY Democrats try to find a decent candidate to run for the vacancy. Ultimately, this is another unjust case of taxation without representation. This is why the NYSYRs have established www.IDeserveAVote.com for the people of the unrepresented 29th CD. The federal government is taking up so many important issues and this is not the time to be without a voice.” Never a dull moment here folks!

The Right Stuff – In what could be characterized as a full on political attack, former Reagan official, current economist David Malpass, announced his bid for the NY Senate seat currently held by Kirsten Gillibrand. Suggesting he has the right stuff, declaring these to be “Serious Times” in need of a “Serious Senator” he called for “An attack on the culture of tax and spend in Washington.” He went on to call Gillibrand a “flip flopper who voted to increase the federal debt ceiling and authorize health care legislation. He also criticized Gillibrand’s vote for the misguided stimulus package.”

Summertime – At the current rate of budget negotiations, it may well be summertime before we have one in place! Legislators came and Legislators left again this week without coming to resolution on the budget, but instead, merely passing another extender to keep the state operating for two more weeks. A whole lot of finger pointing did get accomplished though as reported by several media sources each side blamed the other for the stalemate in the Senate... “Senate Republican Leader Dean Skelos, R-Nassau County, and Senate Democratic Leader John Sampson, D-Brooklyn, both said they had extended their hands in bipartisanship and had been rebuffed.”