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Musical Chairs – The freshly minted Senate Majority Committee Chair assignments include the following...Senator Eric Adams: Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Senator Joseph Addabbo, Jr.: Elections, Senator Darrel Aubertine: Agriculture, Senator Neil Breslin: Insurance, Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.: Aging, Senator Martin Malave Dilan: Transportation, Senator Tom Duane: Health, Senator Pedro Espada, Jr: Vice President of the Senate for Urban Policy; Vice Chair, Rules Committee, Chair, Housing Construction and Community Development, Senator Brian X. Foley: Ethics, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson: Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections, Senator Shirley Huntley: Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Senator Craig Johnson: Investigations and Government Operations, Senator Jeff Klein: Deputy Majority Leader, Senator Liz Krueger: Vice Chair Finance, Chair of Select Committee on Budget Reform, Senator Carl Kruger: Finance, Senator Hiram Monserrate: Consumer Protection, Senator Velmanette Montgomery: Children and Families, Senator George Onorato: Labor, Senator Suzi Oppenheimer: Education, Senator Kevin Parker: Energy and Telecommunications, Senator Bill Perkins: Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, Senator John Sampson: Judiciary, Senator Diane Savino: Civil Service and Pensions, Senator Eric Schneiderman: Codes, Senator Jose Serrano, Jr.: Tourism, Recreation and Sports Development, Senator Daniel Squadron: Cities, Senator William Stachowski: Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Senator Toby Ann Stavisky: Higher Education, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins: Local Government, Senator Antoine Thompson: Environmental Conservation, Senator David Valesky: TBD

Senate Majority Leadership Positions...Senate Majority Leader/ Temporary President: Malcolm Smith, Chair of Finance: Carl Kruger, VP Temporary President: David Valesky, Deputy Majority Leader for Legislative Operations: Jeffrey Klein, Sr. Assistant Majority Leader for Conference Operations: Martin Dilan, Assistant Majority Leader for Conference Operations: Neil Breslin, Assistant Majority Leader for House Operations: Bill Stachowski, Chair of the Majority Conference: Ruth Hassel-Thompson, Chair, Majority Program Development Committee: Tom Duane, Majority Whip: Kevin Parker, Vice-Chair of the Majority Conference: Toby Ann Stavisky, Secretary of Majority Conference: Jose Serrano, Deputy Majority Whip: Antoine Thompson, Chair, Majority Steering Committee: Diane Savino, Assistant Majority Whip: Velmanette Montgomery, VP on Urban Policy and Planning (new position): Pedro Espada, Deputy Majority Leader on Intergovernmental Affairs: Suzi Oppenheimer, Deputy Majority Leader for Policy: Eric Adams, Deputy Majority Leader for State/ Federal Relations: John Sampson.

Clinton Bids Adieu to NY – Former First Lady and Junior Senator from NY, Hilary Clinton bid adieu to the Senate and citizens of NY on Thursday after the Senate panel approved of her nomination as Secretary of State. Meanwhile, ten potential replacements for Clinton continued to gain the Governor's attention, though Caroline Kennedy and Andrew Cuomo appear to be the front runners.