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Area Legislators "Frustrated" over Budget Delays



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BUFFALO (WNED) - The state budget is more than a month late now and some of members of the local delegation are frustrated.



"On the Assembly side, I don't get the sense that there are a whole lot of Democrats involved," said Assemblymember Jane Corwin, a Clarence Republican. "This is all getting held up with the Senate leadership and Sheldon Silver."

Corwin believes Governor Paterson's lack of "political clout," but that reality makes it incumbent upon Speaker Silver to lead the process.

Assemblyman Mark Schroeder last week accused Silver of obstructing UB 2020, the university's expansion plan.

But when it comes to the budget, Schroeder, the South Buffalo Democrat, says he thinks the Assembly Speaker is doing the best he can to negotiate with Senate leaders and Governor David Paterson.

Schroeder says he thinks philosophical differences are getting in the way of closing the deficit.

"Fiscal conservatives are not going to be interested in taxing the people any more or borrowing," said Schroeder.

"Those who are more liberal are going to want to continue to do more of the same."

Schroeder says the lack of progress is disappointing and his constituents are disgusted with Albany.

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