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What can be done to boost economy?

QUESTION: If there were one bill that could be passed this session to improve New York state's economy, what would it be?

ASSEMBLYMAN ERIC N. VITALIANO, DC-Staten Island: There aren't any silver bullets left in the hopper.

SEN. JOSEPH L. BRUNO, RC-Troy: Senator Marino's bill that has to do with economic development. It is a tax reduction package having to do with reducing a corporate surcharge, and it ties it in with an amnesty package so that the revenue comes from tax amnesty. I believe that will be critically important in enhancing the business climate in this state because the problems in this state are over-taxation and over-regulation.

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN C. COCHRANE, RC-Brightwaters: The Workman's Compensation Reform legislation. There is a projected 19 percent rate increase this year which will make the cost of doing business in New York state even higher and will affect businesses, both large and small.

SEN. ALTON R. WALDON, JR., DL-Queens: Most regrettably, there is no one-bill panacea. However, New York state's tourism trade is sorely suffering as a result of the regressive hotel tax.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, RC-North Tonawanda: The best thing that could be passed by the Legislature is spending caps. They would limit state spending and that would affect the total personal income

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cant benefits in relation to the money spent.

SEN. JOHN J. MARCHI, R-Staten Island: We would have to back up to the state budget. Legislation to revise the state budget so that it is more sensitive to large business as well as small business.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAROLD C. BROWN, Jr., RC-Dewitt: Assembly bill 1023, state spending caps. If this spending cap was in place when Governor Cuomo first took office the state would have spent \$23 billion less.

SEN. DALE M. VOLKER, RC-Depew: I think it would be a substantial reform of product liability which the governor and I both support along with Assemblymen Graber and Robach.

ASSEMBLYMAN RICHARD H. MILLER, RC-Johnson City: The restructuring and reform of government. One of the most significant steps would be the reform of the Medicaid program.

SEN. GEORGE PATAKI, RC-Peekskill: Senator Marino's tax cut package. We are hemorrhaging jobs in this state. That is the single most important bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARD C. SULLIVAN, D-Manhattan: The Gottfried New York Health bill because it would save hundreds of millions of dollars for New York state's workers and businesses in unnecessary medical costs and will encourage businesses to come to New York state.

SEN. JOHN R. KUHL Jr., RC-Bath: The Senate Republican majority has just put on the table a comprehensive economic revival plan for New York state. This plan would cut taxes, get government off of peoples' backs and create jobs. It should be passed.

ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERT D'ANDREA, RC-Saratoga Springs: There are a few, but the most important would be a cap on spending.