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Should Senate vote on gay rights bill?

QUESTION: Should a gay rights bill be brought to the floor of the Senate?

ASSEMBLYMAN PAT CASALE, R-Troy: I think they should bring it forward, one way or another, and let them vote. The Republican side may have so many "no's" that they don't want to bring it up.

SEN. GEORGE PATAKI, RC-Peekskill: I have no problem with it being brought up to the floor. I expect that I will vote against it.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN AURELIA GREENE, D-Bronx: I really don't know. It's something the Senate will have to decide on.

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SEN. NANCY LARRAINE HOFFMANN, D-Syracuse: Yes. It is wrong for Senate Republicans to evade public discussion of an important civil rights issue by bottling it up in their closed door conference.

ASSEMBLYMAN GLENN WARREN, RC-

Stanfordville: No. I don't think that they should have any special rights.

SEN. DEAN SKELOS, R-Rockville Center: If the majority conference votes yes, then yes.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ELIZABETH CONNELLY, D-Staten Island: It's going to be up to the judgment of the [Senate]. I think that it's a personal issue and that they all have very strong opinions.

SEN. JOHN KUHL, Jr., RC-Hammondsport: I think my position is pretty well known, if you read the New York Times or any local paper. So that's my answer, I'll stand by that.

ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN RAVITZ, R-Manhattan: Yes, they certainly should. Once people read the bill they'll realize that these are basic rights that we should have for everyone.

SEN. JOSEPH BRUNO, RC-Troy: That's going to be debated in our conference. I have publicly stated that I'm going to participate in that debate. I'm really not quite sure where I am. If the bill comes out in the same form that it was in the Assembly, I will probably vote