

Really Fed Up With Albany

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I've held off writing about what's going on in Albany in part because I couldn't believe the insanity of it all and in part because I kept thinking that surely the urgency of conducting state business would force the Legislature to resolve this and get back to work.

Now it's becoming increasingly clear that the back to business part isn't going to happen anytime soon, and that really angers me. I keep seeing these politicians on TV, reading their quotes in the newspaper that they're doing this "for the people" and frankly, we all know that's a lie. The longer this goes on the more evident it becomes that it's really about the legislators themselves and their own power and their own desire to be re-elected and retain that power.

That's most unfortunate, because some of the reforms the Republicans have proposed - such as term limits on Legislature leadership - would go a long way to improving the conduct and effectiveness of our elected officials in Albany. And prevent the time-wasting, taxpayer-be-dammed craziness we've been seeing for the last week from happening again.