

VETO MESSAGE:

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TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 1555, entitled:

"AN ACT in relation to authorizing the town of Schroepfel to repay taxpayers monies erroneously received by such town as a result of overpaid special assessments"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would authorize and direct the Town of Schroepfel, Oswego County, to refund or credit 2005 special assessment overpayments by property owners in three of the Town's water districts and one of the Town's sewer districts. The bill sets forth the specific amounts to be repaid in each district, and directs the Town to adopt a resolution providing for repayment to current property owners who made overpayments.

Enactment of this bill originally was requested by the Town of Schroepfel and presumably reflected the Town's needs as they were then understood. However, Town officials have continued to investigate the 2005 overpayments, and have found that the extent of those overpayments is much smaller than they previously believed. The Supervisor of the Town of Schroepfel now indicates that the repayment amounts specified in this bill, which the Town would be required to pay if the bill becomes law, are not accurate. Accordingly, enactment of this bill would no longer provide needed relief, and indeed might pose a hardship to the Town of Schroepfel.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ELIOT SPITZER
