

## Today's Leads: Senate "Coup" Leads to New Rules; Council Voting Map Tossed Out

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State Senate Republicans agreed yesterday to a power sharing arrangement with five dissident Democrats led by Jeffery Klein. Instead of being run by a majority leader, the body will be led by a [revolving presidency](#) held by Republican Dean Skelos and Klein. Leaders of the GOP and the Democratic group would have [joint and equal authority](#) over bills, committee assignments, appointments and budget negotiations. Some [legislation](#) the coalition is likely to back includes a minimum-wage increase and more lenient marijuana laws. Mayor Bloomberg's spokesman [called](#) the coalition "an example of bipartisan cooperation at its best," but some Democrats [criticized](#) the arrangement a "coup." The other four Democrats are Malcolm Smith, Diane Savino, David Valesky, and David Carlucci.

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