

Cuomo: Scandal Isn't the Only Thing Going on in Albany

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo wants everyone to stop staring at the car crash that has been the string of federal indictments against sitting Albany legislators and get back to their jobs.

"We got most of our work done in the budget and before the budget, which is usually the way, but there items that we have left for this session and on top of it because of the charges of the prosecutors we're using it as an opportunity to pass the reform agenda. The reform agenda is new and is complicated," Cuomo told Susan Arbetter on [Capitol Pressroom](#) this morning. "The Republicans made their point again they're against public financing, but there are other points of the reform agenda aslo."

But talk around legislative circles is that the Senate is loathe to be in Albany because it doesn't want to be pressured into doing Cuomo's bidding.

A number of [legislators and advocates think](#) this year could be less productive than last year which was the least-productive in recent Albany history.

Today's Senate session was cancelled in honor of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot and, according to Republican spokesman Scott Reif, to save taxpayers money.

Speaking of the budget ... Cuomo and the Legislature went through a similar dance last year, albeit without major arrests.

Cuomo got a lot of what he wanted done early on and around budget time but saved some of his bigger ticket items for later in session and then the session faded away.

Some observers have said that Cuomo hasn't used the budget as the kind of negotiating wedge he could have and in turn has lost his ability to control the legislature--especially now that his ratings are within the range of a mortal.

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