

At Least One Senator Wouldn't Mind Returning to Albany This Year

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It may surprise some but even after a legislative session marred by arrests and scandal and a Senate session that came to an odd end with two marathon session days, one of which ended at 6:30 a.m., at least one Senator says he would like to return to Albany to get more done.

"I believe the legislative session that ended at 6 AM Saturday morning should be categorized as a session that could have done so much more," said Addabbo in a statement.

Addabbo praised the legislature's action on the budget, gun control, the minimum wage increase, hurricane Sandy assistance and a bill allowing for a speed camera program near schools. But he noted, "certain targets were missed badly."

"I don't believe the session should have ended without addressing the need for stronger ethics and anti-corruption legislation," wrote Addabbo. "Campaign finance reform and hydrofracking were other issues we had the opportunity to work on, but didn't address.

The State Legislature might have another shot at hitting these targets before the end of the year. I am hopeful we'll give it our best efforts for the sake of our people and their government."

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