

Hayes Stresses Openness in State Budget

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BUFFALO-Assemblyman Jim Hayes was on WBEN's Hardline Sunday morning talking about [New York](#) State's late budget.

The main point that Hayes wanted to drive home was the fact that the public needs to be informed of what's going on with the budget. What the taxpayers need is a budget that they can afford, and he hopes to do that.

Hayes stressed that he will be working hard within the assembly to continue to get a budget negotiated in a transparent manner.

One of the problems, Hayes says, is the lack of conference committees within the negotiations, which allows less discussion of the issues.

Many leaders, Hayes says, are afraid to make tough decisions and bring up unpopular idea for fear of public scorn. New York State's biggest problem is not a revenue problem, it's a spending problem.

Other items on the assembly's agenda include the historic building tax [credit](#) and UB's 2020 plan. Hayes says the plan will give more freedom to UB and create more jobs for graduates.

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NO, I have some rules!

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