

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
Subject: **Re: FOIL Request: Records reflecting how & where the Senate & Assembly "amended" 8 of the Governor's FY2025-26 budget bills**
Attachments: [Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated March 21, 2025 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting..."The Senate and Assembly webpages for the ten bills comprising the FY2025-26 budget purport that on Monday, March 10, 2025, the Senate and Assembly each amended eight budget bills. These are the same eight as Governor Hochul had amended, on February 21, 2025, by her 30-day amendments, posted on her Division of the Budget webpage of [FY 2026 Executive Budget Legislation](#). By these March 10, 2025 amendments,

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There are NO votes on the amendments and NO memoranda in support of the amendments posted on the Senate and Assembly webpages. The Senate's website reflects [NO Senate Finance Committee meeting on March 10, 2025](#) and I believe there was also NO meeting of the [Assembly Ways and Means Committee](#). No budget bills were on the calendar or brought to the Senate and Assembly floor on that date. The VIDEOS are [here](#) and [here](#).

How then and where were these eight budget bills "amended"?

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Please note the function of this office is to respond to requests for records maintained by the Senate, not to answer questions. The New York State Senate website (<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation>) allows members of the public to browse the current laws of New York.

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the Senate

FOIL-BSR

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

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**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland**

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If no records exist or can be found pertaining to the "amending" of these eight FY2025-26 budget bills by Senate and Assembly members, please furnish records reflecting how the amendments were accomplished, including the legal basis for same.

Thank you.

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