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NORTHRUP PROPOSES RESTRICTION OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

Quoting the famous adage that "no man's life or property is safe while the legislature is in session," John Northrup, Libertarian candidate for Governor, today proposed restrictions on the length of New York State legislative sessions.

Responding to legislative leaders who suggested a possible post election session, Northrup noted, "Each year, the legislature, which has increased its own budget to \$100 million this year, passes more laws and increases spending. It is no coincidence that our economy has declined, taxes have increased and problems have multiplied in direct response to the increase in legislative activity. Each new piece of legislation takes the state into another area of our lives, and is usually justified as a 'solution' to a problem which some earlier legislative act created. The longer the legislature is in session, the more likely it will find something to keep itself occupied, and there is nothing more dangerous than a politician looking for something to do."

"I support a constitutional amendment which limits legislative sessions to 120 days per year, and which limits sessions in odd numbered years to the sole purpose of repealing laws. In the meantime, we can accomplish the same thing by restricting expense payments for members of the legislature to a fixed number of days, then we'll see how often the legislature meets! Limiting the legislative session will result in lower costs and fewer meddlesome and restrictive laws," said Northrup.

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Northrup, a Syracuse CPA was nominated by the Libertarian Party at its state convention in Binghamton. He is making his second run for office, being described by the Syracuse Post Standard as one of "upstate New York's brightest young men" in a 1980 run for Congress.