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**From:** Jennifer DeLury Ciplet [jennifer@amazonwatch.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2007 4:12 PM  
**To:** Steven Donziger  
**Cc:** Kevin Koenig; Atossa Atossa Soltani; Leila Soraya Leila Soraya Salazar-Lopez  
**Subject:** Re: N.Y. Assembly Democrats Settle on Comptroller

and to coincide with a NYC house party for fundraising for the campaign.  
can discuss on conference call.

On Feb 7, 2007, at 1:06 PM, Steven Donziger wrote:

it would be great to plan that. let's talk about it during the conference call.

On 2/7/07, **Kevin Koenig** <kevinkoenig@mindspring.com> wrote:  
interesting. leila is looking into julie's status and i'm doing the same for george wong. we talked about the idea that if it is strategic to bring up leaders at some point for the new york case, we should try to arrange a meeting with his office. but this needs to happen March/beginning April at the latest in light of the shareholder meeting.

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On Feb 7, 2007, at 12:35 PM, Steven Donziger wrote:

the advantage of a guy like this is that he is political, meaning, if we show him how he can look good going after chevron, he might be even more likely to help us. does anybody know if julie greshman still works there?

On 2/7/07, **Kevin Koenig** <kevinkoenig@mindspring.com> wrote:  
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**February 7, 2007**

## **N.Y. Assembly Democrats Settle on Comptroller**

**By MICHAEL COOPER**

ALBANY, Feb. 7 — The Democratic-led State Assembly dealt a setback today to Gov. Eliot Spitzer by

agreeing to elect Assemblyman Thomas P. DiNapoli as the next state comptroller, reneging on a deal it made with the governor to choose only from candidates deemed qualified by an outside screening panel.

The matter will be put to a vote of the entire Legislature later this afternoon, but with Assembly Democrats controlling the biggest voting bloc, Mr. DiNapoli's election seemed assured. The Legislature is in the unusual position of choosing a comptroller for a nearly full four-year term because the popularly elected comptroller, Alan G. Hevesi, resigned in disgrace after he pleaded guilty to a felony late last year.

Instead of a popular vote, or the open process that the Legislature agreed to conduct last month, Mr. DiNapoli was chosen in a closed-door meeting of Assembly Democrats this afternoon. Applause could be heard from outside the door.

Members of the Assembly decided to disregard the screening panel after it recommended the names of three comptroller candidates, and none were members of the Assembly. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said after the closed-door meeting today, "I think the members thought he was the most qualified member, and the most qualified candidate, and they chose to nominate him."

The decision was a slap aimed squarely at Governor Spitzer, a fellow Democrat, who had urged them until the end to stick with the process they had agreed to. In a letter to lawmakers on Tuesday, the governor said that by ignoring the process and agreeing on one of their own, "you are telling the public that only legislators are eligible to serve as comptroller, and that merit, independence and qualifications do not matter."

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