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If you are not covering the New York state budget, or state "public protection" entities, or state public officers such as Attorney General James, please pass this on.

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Shouldn't the press be inquiring about the Legislature's structuring of its budget hearings, by "programmatic area[s]", not bills – concealing violations of Article VII, §§2, 3, and 4 of the New York State Constitution?

Above-attached is my already-submitted written testimony addressed to that subject, at the outset. CJA's EVIDENTIARY webpage posting it is here.

I am available to answer questions – and to provide important scoops on the <u>Legislature's own budget</u>, expanded in <u>Legislative/Judiciary budget bill #S.4001/A.3001</u>. How about asking Temporary Senate President Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie why they are NOT testifying on behalf of their budget and the legislative portion of the combined Legislative/Judiciary budget bill at any legislative budget hearing? Or are they?

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