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# As Cuomo Ends Term, Silver Gains New Power

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in Tuesday night basketball games in Albany. "I don't see the great difficulty with George Pataki," he said. "He is a reasonable man and we will be able to come together."

But with the other hand, he has harsh words for the national Republican sweep and feels voters will ultimately be betrayed. "Wait till they see the Republican rule in Washington," he said in the same tone as if he was saying something nice, which he wasn't. "They will write letters: 'We miss you. Come back. We're sorry.'"

"Every so often you can be sold by sound bites."

Mr. Silver's careful balancing act is crucial on several fronts. Democrats in New York and around the nation are feeling the sting of rejection, and party leaders say Mr. Silver must reassert the party's goals by presenting moderate positions on taxes and crime — two issues on which the Republicans have seized the initiative — while not forgetting the poor and working class.

More practically, Mr. Silver faces the problem of keeping unity in the Assembly's ideologically diverse Democratic majority. There is fear that Mr. Pataki could split the conference by appealing individually to conservative Democrats, a strategy some say might work if Mr. Silver hesitates on issues like taxes and crime.

It is too early for any Democrat to talk of breaking ranks, especially publicly, but so far, even Assembly members who are more conservative than Mr. Silver have praised him, saying he might be the best person, in temperament and ideology, to keep the conference together.

All of this casts a far brighter spotlight on the Speaker, who earned respect in Albany for gracefully taking the helm after Saul Weprin died in February and for establishing a sense of independence for the Assembly Democrats. He is no longer in the shadow of Mr. Cuomo, his fellow Democrat, and he will be exploring uncharted territory as a leader in his own right.

"You could succeed from February to November by simply making no mistakes," said Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky, a Westchester Republican who gave Mr. Silver high marks for announcing his intention to develop tax-cut initiatives. "Now, he has correctly judged that you need to have an activist program, and with that come certain risks."

"I don't think he has been tested in the area of policy development yet, but he just set that task before himself," Mr. Brodsky said.

People in both major parties say Mr. Silver will make a formidable opponent. A lawyer who has served in the Assembly since 1976, he is considered thoughtful and pragmatic, a man who speaks softly but has no problem speaking up. In a single



Jim Estrin/The New York Times

During the gubernatorial campaign, Sheldon Silver, the State Assembly Speaker, right, joined Gov. Mario M. Cuomo on a walking tour of the Lower East Side of Manhattan, seeking support from Jewish voters.

## PROFILE

### Sheldon Silver

**Born:** Feb. 13, 1944, Manhattan.

**Education:** Jacob Joseph School, Manhattan, 1961; B.A., political science, Yeshiva University, Manhattan, 1965; J.D., Brooklyn Law School, 1968.

**Career:** Lawyer, Schechter & Schwartz, 1968-71; clerk for Justice Francis N. Pecora of State Supreme Court, 1971-76; Assemblyman from 62d Assembly District, 1976 to present. Was chairman of Ways and Means Committee and Codes Committee. Became Speaker in February. Has a limited law practice.

**Salary:** \$57,500 as legislator, plus \$30,000 Speaker stipend.

**Family:** Wife, Rosa, a substitute teacher; four children, Edward, 25, Janine, 23, Michelle, 16, and Esther, 12. Has two grandchildren, Tamar, 3, and Aliza, 1.

**Interests:** Playing basketball. Rangers and Knicks fan. Has taken up golf in recent years.

blow earlier this year, he mortally wounded Staten Island secession by declaring that the Assembly would take up the issue only if New York City's Mayor and City Council approved it first.

He then crushed "three strikes, you're out," the multi-offender punishment clause that was the corner-

stone of Mr. Cuomo's anti-crime agenda, by saying it would cheapen the penalty of life without parole, create a class of inmates with nothing to lose and result in prison geriatric wards for inmates who no longer posed a threat.

Senate Republicans say Mr. Silver is a tough negotiator, though some complain that he is occasionally too strident. He has traveled the state extensively, and Assembly Democrats say he has built his authority by keeping in close touch, as he did with his post-election phone calls.

"One on one, I wouldn't bet against Shelly," said Representative Charles E. Schumer, the Brooklyn Democrat who served in the Assembly with Mr. Silver. "He's very smart. He's strategic. He's a good listener. He's not afraid. He's bold in his own quiet way."

Like Mr. Schumer, Mr. Silver has been mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for governor in four years, along with State Comptroller H. Carl McCall and City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone.

In some ways, Mr. Silver has inherited the job of chief Democrat at an odd time. As the party looks to present a more moderate image (an aide to Mr. Silver suggested that pictures for this article be taken at gleaming Battery Park City rather than his home turf on the Lower East Side), Mr. Silver himself is a relative liberal in Albany. The youngest of four children, he was born in a five-story brick walk-up on Henry Street and was raised in a neighborhood full of the social programs many Republicans deride.

His Assembly district, where he drew 80 percent of the votes this year, is an area of great diversity, taking in Chinatown, the towers of Wall Street, the huge projects filled mostly with Jews, some Orthodox like Mr. Silver, and Hispanic residents. He says his experience bringing together different groups in his district makes him a natural in keeping the diverse Democrats unified in

the Assembly.

But some neighborhood advocates on the Lower East Side say Mr. Silver has his flaws as a conciliator. Noting that his base of support is the more conservative among Jewish voters, they criticize him for not backing plans for low-income housing in the Seward Park development and accuse him of not supporting efforts to integrate the heavily Jewish cooperative buildings along Grand Street.

"On other issues he is good," said Frances Goldin, the secretary of the Lower East Side Joint-Planning

## The Assembly chief will be the top Democrat.

Council, a coalition of 35 groups that supports low-income housing. "That's the tragedy of it. In this area, when it comes to that enclave, he's out of character."

Mr. Silver defends his efforts on behalf of all residents of the area, and he has been close to the Assembly's minority caucuses, appointing Herman D. Farrell, a Harlem Democrat, as the first black chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

As he looks toward the next session, Mr. Silver said he planned to put out a tax-cut plan that will look at energy taxes, personal income taxes and possibly the sales tax on clothes. He also expects to release programs on crime — he favors the death penalty — that focus on harsher sentences for repeat felons but continue an insistence on alternatives to jail for drug-addicted prisoners.

He said he has also asked his staff to consider a better way to pay for care. He does not rule out universal coverage, but said: "I can't tell you what I'm looking toward. I'm looking toward what works."

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