

# Many state appointees still in limbo

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A funny thing happened to 265 New Yorkers appointed to state jobs by outgoing-Gov. Hugh L. Carey.

Most never got their jobs because they failed to win confirmation by the Republican-controlled Senate. Many now hope that Gov.-elect Mario M. Cuomo will submit their names with better results in January.

The appointments are stuck in the Senate Finance Committee chaired by John J. Marchi of Ward Hill. Back in June, committee aides let it be known that they would not be confirming any

more Carey appointees.

At the time they said it was a courtesy to the new governor — whoever he might be.

What they didn't say, at least publicly, was that they hoped the new governor would be a Republican. They didn't want a GOP governor stuck with "Carey-overs" from the Democratic administration of Hugh Carey.

Gerald McLaughlin, spokesman for Marchi, in defending the failure to confirm Carey appointees, said less than 10 percent involve key government positions.

But Ron Tarwater, a Carey spokesman, said the delay has

forced many government agencies and authorities to operate without a full complement of staff.

"It hasn't caused government to come to a stand still, but it is always better to proceed with a full team," Tarwater said.

Among those in limbo are Stephen Berger, who chairs the Cuomo talent search committee and serves as a consultant for the city's coal export terminal proposed for Clifton. Berger, it turns out, is one of the lucky ones.

He continues to sit on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board even though his reappointment has not been con-

firmed. Under state procedures, a person can hold onto his post until a replacement is chosen.

State Energy Commissioner James L. Larocca, a former chief of staff to former Rep. John M. Murphy, has also benefited from the state rules. He continues to sit on the state Power Authority board to which he was confirmed earlier this year to an interim appointment. But his appointment to a full five-year term remains on hold.

Also affected is James E. Introne, a former state Mental Retardation commissioner, who was named to the Public Health Council.