

Further, he said he could not keep Mayor Edward Koch from using budget money for purposes other than education, given the morass of needs. Still, Cuomo said he expects to continue pressing for increased school aid in the coming executive budget proposal due out in February.

On the fact that the Fresh Kills landfill will soon become the city's only dump, an issue raised by Sam Sayegh of radio station WSIA, Cuomo said the state could "help" and "encourage" resource recovery but would not step in directly because that would usurp the power of localities. The city garbage problem, he said, is not the problem of Erie or Utica or any other area of the state, and vice-versa.

"This is an obligation of the city of New York," he said. "It's kind of silly if all the local governments had to do was stalemate ... then Albany would run everything."

Leafleteers were also present at the forum,

appealing to be read if not heard. Cuomo reaffirmed his support for the proposed Navy

erature and was confronted by Mike Tormey, a District 1199 delegate and chairman of the Staten Island Council for Peace and Justice.

Protection for the victims of toxic poisoning was advocated in leaflets from the Toxic Victims Access to Justice Campaign. An anti-abortion group also gave out leaflets.

Reflecting the diverse interests were the married couple Al and Jane Thompson. They spoke back to back, she urging an end to abortion and he in favor of the state regulating sale of emergency alarms, on behalf of a statewide trade group.

Other speakers supporting a wide swath of programs included:

Lillian Prado and Edmund Murphy, manager and chairman of Community Board 2; Melinda Davie for psychiatric patients; Former Advance Woman of Achievement Carole Lazorisak, who spoke in sign language interpreted orally by a daughter, supporting a program for the deaf at LaGuardia College in Queens; La Litha Devi, for a Manhattan vocational program for alcoholics.

Also, Earleen Bethel spoke on behalf of youth programs based on "self-help", particularly in Mariners Harbor where some children have been found to use the dangerous drug angel dust. Eddie Bethel for community block development grants for the Area Policy Board.

Still others were: Christine Flynn, who confronted Cuomo about mandating programs the state cannot monetarily support; Carmine Iasue; Kathleen Harahoe; George Lee; Michael Hardy, chief executive officer of the Snug Harbor Cultural Center; senior citizen Sam Ferrera; James Aiello for the local real estate industry; Terry Troia on behalf of social programs, with whom Cuomo discussed his stand on abortion; Betty Jean Fleming; Theresa Mathiasen; Evelyn Arbeeny, advising that the city get a "fair share" of education revenue from Off-Track Betting receipts; Anthony Staliani; Barbara Wallach; Joe Holzka Jr.; Mary Lee Gladstone, executive director of the Island's Council on the Arts; Lathrope Voorspuy on behalf of Thomas Hamilton.

Other approached the governor as he moved through a smaller, quieted crowd shaking hands at the forum's finish. For example, Phyllis Cirillo told Cuomo about the Island's animal care crisis and advocated fund-

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