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Cuomo promises

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ALBANY - Proposed aid for the Staten Island Greenbelt. mention of mass garbage burning and a plug for the Howland Hook containerport highlight items of local interest in Gov. Mario M. Cuomo's annual message to the state Legislature.

Cuomo also reaffirmed vows to close the Staten Island Developmental Center (SIDC) in Willowbrook next year, unify the College of Staten Island (CSI) campus, reduce Department of Motor Vehicle lines and fight organized crime.

And as expected, his call to give the mayor control of the Board of Education appointments already has met with mixed reviews. [See Page A 121

In the 137-page message, longer than any of the three that preceded it, Cuomo gives an aerial view of state government and social and economic issues.

Even if they do not form specific proposals or repeat old ones, the words help set an agenda for the Legislature as it goes into its regular session, due to finish around July.

Further detail on some items is expected in the executive budget request due for release next week.

The new proposals include adding 1,600 new bed spaces for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled in community group homes, plus 700 spaces in special day programs, above previous goals.

Among the major items and excerpts of Staten Island interest in yesterday's message:

Greenbelt

"We shall expand our holdings