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Ulster County Legislature Takes Control of Audit

On Tuesday evening, September 21, 2010, the Ulster County Legislature voted 26 to 5 to approve a measure to fund an outside, independent auditor as provided for under the Charter to protect the taxpayers of Ulster County. Near the end of session, Majority Leader Paul Hansut (R) moved, seconded by Legislator Peter Loughran (D) to suspend the rules of order to introduce legislation to audit agencies of Ulster County Government, which received largely bipartisan support.

Following several weeks of discussion and recent moves by the Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, the Legislature acted to block the Comptroller's attempt to retain hiring authority for the independent auditor, an authority provided to the Legislature under the Charter, and put forth a veto-proof majority.

Chairman Fred Wadnola stated, "The Ulster County Legislature has defined its role under the Charter form of government. This action exemplifies the role of checks and balances, and protects the taxpayers of Ulster County."