

Lundine Calls For State Unity

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In a speech prepared for delivery tonight, Rep. Stanley N. Lundine has proposed unity among New York State's congressional delegation as part of a five-point program to turn the state's economy away from stagnation and toward renewed growth.

In his remarks to the Elmira area chapter of the National Association of Accountants, Lundine has sharply criticized two fellow members of the state's congressional delegation — Rep. Jack Kemp and Rep. Richard Ottinger.

Lundine criticized these two colleagues for their "provincial and partisan" actions of recent weeks, calling their personal campaigns "counterproductive to the best interests of the state."

Ottinger authored Section 515 of the House-approved National Energy Act, which would hold down some electric costs in Ottinger's home district downstate at the expense of upstate New Yorkers.

Kemp criticized New York Democrats for failing to make tax cuts that Kemp said would solve New York's problems. Lundine called that approach

"simplistic."

"As a state, we have enormous problems," Lundine said. In the last 15 years, he noted, 1,400 companies have relocated out of New York, while in the last eight years the state has lost 600,000 jobs. "We are in fact in a crisis situation," he added, "and we had better do something about it."

The first point in Lundine's five-point program involves the state's congressional delegation coalescing to work together for a healthy state economy. "Only if we take a united stand on our common problems," he said, "can we hope to get our fair share of federal tax dollars to encourage private sector business growth in our state. We have been short-changed in the past just because of this lack of unity. For every tax dollar we send to Washington, we get back only 89 cents."

Two — "Let's get federal policies that put something back into our state instead of draining it away, so that federal spending is used to stimulate private investment in New York." As a starter, Lundine suggested that when troops are brought

back from South Korea, they should be sent to Camp Drum.

Three — "Let's work together — upstate and down — to see to it that our state shows, through its tax policies and its economic development projects, that it really means business by doing something for business."

Four — "I suggest that we need a sizable federal tax cut in 1978, perhaps as much as \$20 billion, for both businesses and individuals, targeted to meet need."

Five — New York should develop a statewide labor-management cooperative program.

"A cohesive campaign by the New York congressional delegation, the governor and the state legislature and people of both upstate and downstate can pull New York from its crisis," Lundine said.