



New Orleans Mayor Nagin Wants Louisiana Session Delayed

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While Governor Blanco has made it clear that the special session will take place, there are heavy hitters who want to cancel or to delay the session. Today, the Times Picayune reported that Senator President Donald Hines had great discomfort with the session.

In a letter written by Senator Hines to Governor Blanco, Hines said, "I believe the decision to call the session was hastily made, the session has been poorly planned, and the planning for the session lacks legislative input".

A number of "business-related" and "good government" organizations have also chimed in against the December special session.

Add New Orleans Mayor Nagin to that number.

According to Nagin responding to a question on the issue posed to him on Saturday, the Business Council (a powerful business organization) solicited his support to delay the session. Nagin said, "I am trying to work with the Business Council to get it delayed but if it goes forward, we want to make sure that there is something substantive happening for insurance relief".

Opponents to the special session include PAR and some republican and democrats.

Insurance liability or the lack of policy coverage has become a significant issue for the rebuilding process made necessary due to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.