Draft statement calling for
Special Session of Legislature
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In my annual message to the Legislature, I pointed out the historic features that indicate the necessity of having the Executive and Judicial branches of the Government have been given certain specific powers. The Legislature, exercising what was not only certain specific authorities, but also the duty when it felt there was sufficient cause for such action, determined to investigate the general administration of the Government of the City of New York and the conduct of the officials thereof.

In the resolution directing such an investigation it would appear to have been the clear intent of the Legislature to arm its committee with the power to grant immunity to witnesses called before it.

Owing to a purely technical law, the courts have held that such immunity could only be granted by the passage of a special act requiring the signature of the Governor. The Committee has appealed to me to call the Legislature together in order that they may lay their difficulties before it and may request the passage of the legislation needed to give them this authority.

Whether it was the intent of the Legislature to give them this authority by resolution, or whether they now deem...
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it wise to co-operate with the Legislature, is a matter which should properly be considered and decided by the Legislature itself.

Under the Constitution they may not consider this matter before the first of January unless the Governor calls an extraordinary session for this purpose. To delay until the time of the regular session would enormously add to the cost of the investigation, which will already add very considerably to the taxpayer's burden.

I cannot conceive of any Governor refusing to call any extra session under circumstances such as this. It is the clear duty of the Legislative and Executive branches of our Government to work in close cooperation with each other and any action which thwarts or hinders a sister department in the execution of what is clearly within its duty and within its jurisdiction is unjustifiable. It has been urged that this request should be denied on the ground that this investigation is primarily prompted by political motives and a desire to embarrass the Governor of the State. Even if this were true, it
It is further the clear duty of the
Executive Branch of the government—
the whole machinery in form to
inhibit the carry out of a legislative function
thus authorized by the legislature itself.

The legislature is provided in
accord with its constitutional rights
and duties.

This special provision gives the
opportunity to clothe the committee with
the full authority which it was intended
by the legislature that it exercise
to this purpose I give my
entire approval.