

Carlin, Reitz weigh in on inaction

Staff reports

What area lawmakers are saying about developments at the special session today.

State Rep. Sydney Carlin, on the prospect of a constitutional amendment defining the Supreme Court's powers regarding school finance: This denies the right of people to sue as remedy and is in violation of our own constitution. It's not a deal I'm interested in."

Carlin on a \$159.9 million bill that is being blocked from consideration by House leadership, which wants the amendment question dealt with first: This is the bill that gets us home. It's got everything Manhattan needs. It's got property tax relief."

Sen. Roger Reitz on reports of a deal under which Gov. Sebelius would try to convince some Democrats to support an amendment in return for passage of the \$159.9 million appropriation. We'll have to wait and see whether the House will indeed take the amendment that passed the Senate. If it doesn't fly, then everything else is off the table."

On what happens then: Then we're going to defy the courts because (no plan can) come together with any degree of consensus."
