

Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean proposes a common-ground, comprehensive solution that can actually be signed into law ...

December 30, 2014, "[Lawmakers Push Again for Port Authority Overhaul Bills](#)," *Wall Street Journal*: "They were good first steps, but the reforms announced by Cuomo and Christie go further," Mr. Kean said about their legislation.

January 8, 2015, "[NJ Senate Democrats challenge Republicans to override Christie's Port Authority Veto](#)," *The Record*: "Our caucus is unified in finding ways to pass and support the best and most comprehensive pieces of legislation that are in the best interests of taxpayers and commuters," Kean, R-Union, said Thursday.

N.J. Dems open to it, before they were closed to it for political reasons ...

February 27, 2015, "[New Bill Calls for More Port Authority Oversight in Effort to Break Deadlock](#)," *New York Times*: "A New Jersey state senator, Robert M. Gordon, a Democrat and chief sponsor of the legislation, said that while he had not finished reviewing Mr. Kean's legislation, it appeared to include "95 percent" of his bill. My initial reaction is that this could provide the foundation for a compromise bill," Mr. Gordon said.

February 27, 2015, "[NJ legislator crafts new set of Port Authority reforms](#)," *The Record*: "My goal is not to embarrass anyone. My goal is to take the best opportunity we've had in a generation to reform the Port Authority. I think Tom Kean feels the same way," Gordon said.

February 27, 2015, "[Senate Republicans unveil bill to overhaul Port Authority](#)," *Associated Press*: "Weinberg said much of the new GOP bill contains measures aimed at making the authority more transparent."

Senator Kean fine-tunes Port Authority Reform with N.Y. Dems ...(reforms governance structure at Port Authority)

March 3, 2015, "[Can Kean's Proposed Bill Bring Real Reform to Port Authority?](#)," *NJ Spotlight*: "What it is: A bill proposed by Sen. Tom Kean Jr. (R-Union) aims to break an impasse over Port Authority reform by incorporating elements from two documents: a bill passed by the New Jersey and New York legislatures last year but vetoed by Govs. Chris Christie and Andrew Cuomo, and a set of Special Panel recommendations endorsed by the governors."

March 4, 2015, "[Kean Jr. revising Port Authority reform bill after objections](#)," *The Record*: "I have fine-tuned this common-ground legislation to include Assemblyman Brennan's and the New Jersey sponsors' helpful and workable suggestions," Kean said in a statement. "I look forward to introducing this bill on Thursday and advancing it with all sponsors, as it is the

only solution to reform the Port Authority that has a chance to be signed into law in both states.”

March 9, 2015, “[Kean Introduces Comprehensive, Common-Ground Legislation to Reform Port Authority](#),” *SenateNJ.com*: “We can now pass this bill to protect commuters and taxpayers with all of the workable and helpful provisions from bipartisan sponsors and governors on both sides of the Hudson River,” Kean said.

March 16, 2015, “[Kean’s Statement on Port Authority Reform](#),” *SenateNJ.com*: “We don’t have to start over,” Kean said. “We can immediately pass comprehensive, common-ground legislation that I introduced last week to finally reform the maligned Port Authority for commuters and taxpayers. My new bill includes all of the workable provisions from bipartisan sponsors and governors on both sides of the Hudson River. It’s the solution that sponsors and leaders in the New York Senate and Assembly have been waiting for, as they are abandoning the legislation that failed again here today and was outright vetoed by their governor. This is the opportunity for sponsors and leaders in New Jersey to pass complete reform that has a real chance of being signed into law in both states.”

March 17, 2015, “[N.J. Senate leaders urge Port Authority to sell real estate to fund new rail tunnel](#),” *The Record*: “...it is past time for the Port Authority to get back to their basic mission, that’s transportation, and to divest themselves of their real estate holdings,” said Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-Tenec.

“It’s encouraging that my Democrat colleagues are now echoing a key component of my comprehensive, common-ground reform legislation – a provision prohibiting the Port Authority from spending public dollars on anything but a core mission of quality mass transportation,” Kean said in a statement.

March 17, 2015, “[Kean Encouraged by Consensus on Port Authority’s Core Mission](#),” *SenateNJ.com*: “It’s critical to note that the common-ground bill, S-2794, includes overdue transparency reforms while eliminating from the failed S-2181 onerous property provisions, which would have made it virtually impossible for the Port Authority to sell billions of dollars of non-transportation-related real estate.”

March 19, 2015, “[Sen. Kean’s bill offers means to reform Port Authority](#),” *Star-Ledger*: “Viewed fairly, they are the most comprehensive reform recommendations - including the **elimination of a dysfunctional management structure** - in the modern era of the agency ... Finally, Sen. Kean has invited legislators to work with him on additional revisions to his bill if they will make its reforms stronger and attract the Governors' support.”

N.J. Dems content to take a back seat and let real reform languish ...

May 4, 2015, “GWB Indictments Reopen Issue of Port Authority Reform,” *NJTV*: “They (New York) are taking a shot at writing the first draft. They’re gonna send that to us and we’re gonna make some changes and incorporate some of our ideas in to it,” Gordon said.

“I realized in December there was an impasse. The Legislature was focused only on oversight and the governors of New York and New Jersey only focused on management efficiency and I said at that juncture we can have a hybrid approach that is better than each individual,” said Sen. Tom Kean Jr.

New York Acts on Port Authority Reform Legislation

June 24, 2015 New York Assembly passes comprehensive Port Authority reform legislation that **incorporates the new management structure** for the Port Authority.

June 25, 2015 New York Senate finally passes the same Port Authority Reform bill.

Senator Kean Introduces Port Authority Reform Legislation that Has Passed in New York

June 18, 2015 Christie throws his support behind Kean-incorporated NY Port Authority reform bill. Christie stated, “Achieving much-needed reform of the Port Authority’s structure, management, operations and governance to secure its future as a transportation and economic cornerstone of our region is a goal that Governor Cuomo and I share. Based on bipartisan, collaborative work with representatives from both states, a bill is being introduced in New York that will achieve exactly the sort of reform that we are seeking, including the key elements of the recommendations of the Bi-State Special Panel and legislation introduced under Senator Tom Kean, Jr.’s leadership earlier this year,”

<http://politickernj.com/2015/06/christie-throws-his-support-behind-kean-incorporated-ny-port-authority-reform-bill/>

June 22, 2015 Kean Introduces Consensus Port Authority Reform; Legislation is Expected to Be Made Law This Week in NY Kean stated, “This new legislation — supported by both governors, bipartisan legislative leaders in both houses of New York’s legislature and bipartisan sponsors in the New Jersey Assembly — will prevent the Port Authority from wasting, abusing and wantonly increasing the billions of dollars the public agency takes each year from hard-working commuters and taxpayers. This bill ensures an accountable, transparent, efficient and transportation-oriented Port Authority that will be vital to economic growth and job creation in New Jersey.

<http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/kean-introduces-consensus-port-authority-reform-legislation-is-expected-to-be-made-law-this-week-in-ny/22971>

June 25, 2015 Kean formally introduces the legislation passed in New York.

June 29, 2015 New Jersey Democrats for the first time introduce a Port Authority Reform bill that contains a new governance structure for the Port Authority.

Need for Reform Continually Made Evident

July 22, 2015 New York Times Urges NJ Dems to Pass Kean's Port Authority Reform
The editorial stated, "New York's legislators recently approved a bill that would make a big start toward reform. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said he will sign the bill. But before an overhaul can take place, New Jersey's Legislature must pass an identical bill. At the moment, the Democrats who control the Legislature are balking, saying the reforms could go further. However worthy their motives, they should step aside and let the package become law."
<http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/new-york-times-urges-nj-dems-to-pass-keans-port-authority-reform/23390>

September 25, 2015 PORT AUTHORITY REFORM: DEMS SAY, 'TAKE IT SLOW,' GOP ARGUES 'PICK UP THE PACE' At the time, Senator Kean stated "This has taken too long. The taxpayers and the commuters need certainty and we should move with speed and alacrity to get this hybrid legislation done because the taxpayers and the commuters need that certainty, need that transparency," <http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/15/09/24/port-authority-reform-dems-say-take-it-slow-gop-argues-pick-up-the-pace/>

New York Bill Signed Into Law

December 16, 2015 Port Authority reform bill delivered to Governor Cuomo.

December 18, 2015 Governor Cuomo signs Port Authority Reform bill.

Republicans Continue to Push for Only Reform that Has Chance to Become Law

January 7, 2016 N.J. Republicans fail to force vote on Port Authority reform
Senator Kean highlighted the fact that the delay on reform has caused management problems as stated, "a lack of reform has created management problems at the bi-state agency, making it more difficult for the Port Authority's board of commissioners to attract a qualified executive to become its first CEO."
<http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/new-jersey/2016/01/8587289/nj-republicans-fail-force-vote-port-authority-reform>

New Legislative Session Begins in New Jersey – Reform Still Languishes

January 12, 2016 Senator Kean reintroduces the Port Authority Reform bill that changes the governance structure of the Port Authority and can become law immediately because it is identical to the New York law.

January 12, 2016 Democrats introduce a new Port Authority Reform bill that still is not identical to the bill passed in New York. (S-708)

January 14, 2016 Disagreement over Port Authority reform continues

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/14/lawmakers-to-consider-2-port-authority-overhaul-bi/>

February 11, 2016 N.J. Senate again passes (by a vote of 25-9-6 Connors did not vote) competing Port Authority reform legislation Senator Kean again stressed the need for immediate reform stating, “We want reform at the Port Authority. We want to make sure that it is transparent for the people of the region, that’s it’s transparent for lawmakers and that it’s efficient. But in order to do that, we need the opportunity to hire managers. We need reform at the Port Authority. We need to do it immediately.”<http://www.capitalnewyork.com/article/new-jersey/2016/02/8590857/nj-senate-again-passes-competing-port-authority-reform-legislatio>

April 7, 2016 The New Jersey Assembly passes S-708 by a vote of 67-0-6.

May 23, 2016 Governor Christie conditionally vetoes S-708 to match Senator Kean’s bill(S-355)/NY Statute. <http://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2016/05/christie-again-vetoes-port-authority-reform-102054>

May 26, 2016 Senate Republicans try to make Governor Christie’s conditional veto the Order of the Day to obtain final passage of the reforms. The Democrats table the motion by a vote of 23-14-3. <http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/senate-democrats-block-final-vote-on-port-authority-reform/27138>

June 20, 2016 Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean called for the advancement of reforms to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, including the approval of a new chief executive officer and the passage of legislation that would cement the position and other critical changes. <http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/kean-calls-for-advancement-of-port-authority-reforms-approval-of-ceo/27823>

August 8, 2016 Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean called for Senate Democrats to immediately advance Port Authority reforms following statements made by Port Authority Inspector General Mike Nestor that New Jersey’s failure to advance reforms identical to those signed into law in New York prevents the inspector’s office from fully investigating certain allegations of fraud, corruption and waste at the agency. <http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/kean-inspector-generals-concerns-highlight-imminent-need-for-port-authority-reform/27962>

August 24, 2016 Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean warns that inaction on Port Authority reform legislation puts at risk the CEO search and plans for a new Manhattan bus terminal. <http://www.senatenj.com/index.php/tomkean/kean-further-delaying-legislative-approval-of-port-authority-reforms-will-hurt-nj-commuters/28763>

September 15, 2016 Senate Republicans again try to make Governor Christie's conditional veto the Order of the Day to obtain final passage of the reforms. The Democrats table the motion by a vote of 23-15-5.

November 21, 2016 Senate Republicans again try to make Governor Christie's conditional veto the Order of the Day to obtain final passage of the reforms. The Democrats table the motion by a vote of 23-14-3.

June 15, 2017 It is reported that John Degnan, Chairman of the Port Authority, will announce a suspension of the search for a CEO due to uncertainty caused by failure to pass reform legislation that legally establishes the position. <http://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2017/06/14/sources-port-authority-to-call-it-quits-on-search-for-new-ceo-112774>