



Lt. Gov. Krupsak, center, lunches in Smithtown with her Suffolk campaign staff, Legislator Mildred Steinberg, left, and Susan LeBow.

# State was almost bankrupt: Krupsak

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"The state was within 12 days of bankruptcy when we walked in," Lt. Gov. Krupsak told 40 Suffolk Democratic women candidates and party workers in Smithtown yesterday.

The state's second top official conceded in answer to statements from the floor that the public has been disappointed with the first months of the Carey administration, but she said this was because the outgoing Republican Rockefeller-Wilson government had led the public "to believe that things were quite different from the way they were."

She said the public will soon be convinced that the Democratic party is the party of New York City, and she called Big Mac "little more than a receivership which she would not wish in any party."

Now that the "worst legislative session in history" is over, the Canajoharie Democrat said she will be setting up a distant early warning system" to acquaint herself and the governor with pressing problems in each part of the state, and she promised Susan LeBow of Smithtown, who presided, that she will spend at least four days in Suffolk next fall helping with campaigns and getting to know local problems.

Frankness was the keynote yesterday as Suffolk top Democratic women introduced themselves around the table and told what concerned them most with

local problems. Smithtown chairman Floyd Sarisohn was host, and the lieutenant governor was flanked by Joseph Clemente of East Northport, the candidate for Suffolk executive, and William Wasserman co-chairman of Babylon Democrats, the only other two men there.

Joyce Burland of Bridgehampton, candidate for the Suffolk legislature from the first district, precipitated the Lt. governor's comment blaming inherited conditions for the slow start the Carey administration had. Ms. Burland called the first months of the administration "lack-lustre", but said she is confident there is a good explanation.

Most of the women, who included present members of the legislature and candidates for both county and town offices listed health services, housing, school taxes and local control of waterways as top priorities with Suffolk voters.

Clemente said something will have to be done about removing school costs from real property taxes; Christin Veech, of Commack complained of waste from overlapping government services.

The Democratic State vice chairman, Ms. Betty Schlein of Merrick, said she was much impressed with the number of women nominated for town and county offices in Suffolk this year, and said she will see that Nassau Democrats recognize more women for office in the future. *L.J. Press*