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**RUSH TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO SIGNS INTRO. 1042**

**Mayor Bill de Blasio:** Good morning, everyone. Okay. Welcome, everybody. We have a very quick, and easy, and timely piece of legislation to discuss today and to sign. Intro. 1042 – sponsored by Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, chair of the committee on finance – extends the deadline for submitting the Fiscal '17 preliminary budget.

According to the New York City charter, the mayor's preliminary budget must be released by January 16th of each year. But, this year, that date falls on a Saturday – tomorrow – obviously not the best day to inform the public about how we're going to propose to spend city funds. So, with the City Council, we've chosen to extend that deadline to Thursday, January 21st – this coming Thursday – to ensure the presentation falls on a weekday, with sufficient time following the release of the state budget as well.

I want to thank Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito; the OMB director, Dean Fuleihan; the chair of the committee on finance, Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland. And I don't think we have anyone scheduled to testify, so we will now sign the bill.

[Mayor de Blasio signs Intro. 1042]

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