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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE REFERRALS, LOCAL BOTTLERS FIGHT FOR UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS AND *SHEFF V. O'NEILL* MARKS 20 YEARS THIS WEEK ON CT-N CAPITOL REPORT

Hartford, CT – Starting at 7 p.m. this Friday, Connecticut Network viewers can catch up on the latest steps in the legislative process during this week's episode of *Capitol Report*, the network's week-in-review highlights program. On Monday, both the Appropriations and Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committees met to take up bills referred from other committees on topics ranging from a 5-cent tax on paper and plastic shopping bags and the creation of a public power authority to municipal ethics, campaign finance and "captive audience" meetings held by employers prior to a union vote.

Also featured in *Capitol Report* this week are excerpts from Tuesday's Superior Court hearing in the matter of *Gallo v. Gina McCarthy*, where local beer and soda bottlers petitioned the court for a temporary injunction to prevent the state from escheating an estimated \$6 million in unclaimed bottle deposits as part of the latest deficit mitigation plan. This episode also features highlights from a ceremony at the Legislative Office Building on Monday marking the 20th anniversary of *Sheff v. O'Neill* – Connecticut's landmark desegregation case – and other events in state government this week.

Capitol Report summarizes the activity at the State Capitol during the week, using voice over and graphics to combine history, context, and next steps in the process with full-length excerpts from the week's proceedings. The program premieres on CT-N every Friday night at 7:00 p.m., then rebroadcasts at Noon and 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. on Sundays, and 6:00 a.m. Monday mornings; check CT-N's online program schedule for additional airtimes. Each episode runs between 30 and 60 minutes.

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