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Continuing Budget Issues, Dropout Prevention and Smart Growth This Week on CT-N *Capitol Report*

Hartford, CT – Starting at 7 p.m. this Friday, Connecticut Network viewers can see the latest state budget developments in this week's episode of *Capitol Report*, the network's week-in-review highlights program. Governor Rell reaffirmed plans this week to implement a half-percent reduction in the state sales tax effective January 1, 2010. The governor also announced that she is preparing a deficit mitigation package to close the current budget gap estimated at more than \$388 million.

Also featured in *Capitol Report* this week are excerpts the Governor's Summit on Dropout Prevention Monday; the summit is designed to help approximately 20 school districts develop innovative programs to address the school dropout problem which could later be used by other school districts in the state. This episode also features highlights from Tuesday's meeting of the Smart Growth Working Group – the first since December of 1998 – 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.

Episodes of *Capitol Report* are also available online, in keeping with the network's seamless integration of telecast and interactive content. Visit www.ct-n.com/CR for OnDemand and podcast downloads of each episode, annotated with synopses and links to related gavel-to-gavel coverage.

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