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BUDGET DEFICIT, ENDING HOMELESSNESS AND DIGITAL TV CONVERSION 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 developments in the state’s budget crisis in this week’s episode of *Capitol Report*, the network’s week-in-review highlights program. State Comptroller Nancy Wyman announced the tripling of the state’s budget deficit in the past month, as Governor Rell returned from the National Governor’s Association meeting where she met with President-Elect Barack Obama to discuss a proposed national economic stimulus package. Meanwhile, the state Board of Education met Wednesday to discuss budget options for the fiscal year 2009/2010 budget, which must absorb the Governor’s mandated 10% budget cut for all state agencies.

Also featured in *Capitol Report* this week are excerpts from Tuesday’s Commission on Children and Coalition to End Homelessness briefing on strategies to end homeless in Connecticut using national best practices. This episode also features highlights of Tuesday’s public forum on the conversion of television broadcasts from analog to digital slated for February of 2009 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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