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CONNECTICUT NETWORK TO COVER LEGISLATURE OPENING DAY

Hartford, CT – The start of the Connecticut General Assembly’s 2009 legislative session is set for January 7th, and the Connecticut Network will be on hand to capture the action.

Because 2009 is an odd-numbered year, this is to be a “long session,” defined by the state constitution as running from January to June. A “short session” by contrast runs from February to May in even-numbered years.

The first day of any legislative session routinely begins with opening sessions of the State Senate and House of Representatives, along with the governor’s “State of the State” address. CT-N anticipates covering all of these proceedings live on television and the internet.

As the regular work of session begins, much of it will initiate in the committee process; legislation will be drafted and discussed, public hearings held, and decisions made on what items will be sent to the House and Senate floors for debate. As always, CT-N will cover meetings and hearings of all legislative committees on a regular basis, as well as provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of all House and Senate sessions continuing through the closing day of this session on June 3rd, 2009. Many of these events will also be carried live.

During this time, CT-N will continue regular coverage of the executive and judicial branches, as well as Capitol News Briefing: a daily segment showcasing complete and uncut statements made to the Capitol press by legislative leadership, constitutional officers and other state officials on many of the state’s most hotly debated policy topics. Capitol Report – CT-N’s weekly highlights program – will also turn its attention to the legislative session as well. Coverage of miscellaneous public policy and public interest events will round out the network’s programming lineup.

With a country in recession and our own state taking on a budget deficit, it’s likely that what takes place during this session will affect our daily lives in a profound way.

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