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Start the 2012 Legislative Session with the Connecticut Network

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Hartford, CT – A budget gap, the achievement gap, reforming education and consolidating government are just some of the daunting tasks ahead for Connecticut legislators. Watch these issues and more unfold with the Connecticut Network during the 2012 legislative session. On February 8th, tune in for opening day and this year's budget day with CT-N's comprehensive, day-long coverage.

CT-N's Diane Smith will host the network's telecast starting at 9:30 a.m. Legislative leadership will join Diane prior to the opening gavel to discuss the upcoming session. The anticipated, customary budget preview from the Office of Policy and Management will appear in its entirety, followed by Governor Malloy's budget address to the General Assembly at Noon (time approximate) and reactions from Republican and Democratic legislative leaders. Other invited guests will provide background and context on the governor's proposed budget and the ongoing budget process.

In addition to the live telecast, CT-N will re-air the day's events Wednesday evening; check CT-N's daily schedule for details. The program will also be available On Demand at CT-N.com.

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 8, 2011. Many of these events will also be carried live.

At the same time, CT-N will continue regular coverage of the executive and judicial branches, as well as *Capitol Report: Week in Review* – CT-N's weekly highlights program –which will 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.

CT-N is available full-time on U-Verse Channel 83 and on expanded basic cable statewide. Visit ct-n.com to find the channel location for the network in your community or to watch online. All Connecticut Network programming is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

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