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Budget Miscalculation, New Vets Commissioner & “LockBox” Talks on CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review

Hartford, CT – This weekend Connecticut Network viewers will recap a week that included a miscalculation within the state budget, a new Commissioner for Veterans’ Affairs and further discussion on the Governor’s “lockbox” proposal on the latest episode of *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*.

Due to CT-N’s live coverage of Friday’s Appropriations Committee public hearing, *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review* is not expected to air at its normal 7 p.m. timeslot. However, viewers will be able watch the program OnDemand from www.CT-N.com or from CT-N’s *Capitol Report* YouTube channel. *Capitol Report* will rebroadcast at Noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 8 p.m. on Sunday and 6 a.m. on Monday morning.

The state’s budget continued to be the main topic of discussion around the Capitol this week when a miscalculation revealed that Governor Dannel Malloy’s proposed budget is actually \$54.5 million over the state’s Constitutional spending cap. Once the miscalculation was discovered the Governor and his State Budget Director Ben Barnes admitted to the mistake and apologized. However, the error has sparked concern amongst members of the state legislature as more cuts will be needed to balance the budget.

Later in the week Governor Malloy announced another administrative appointment when he tapped lawyer and Army reservist Sean Connelly as his new Commissioner of Veterans’ Affairs. Before accepting the position, Connelly served at the Global Ethics & Compliance Officer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He will now oversee state services for the 270,000 veterans in Connecticut.

This week’s episode will discuss the testimony heard on the Governor’s transportation “lockbox” proposal, which is designed to keep transportation funds from being spent on anything but transportation projects in the state. *Capitol Report* will also review hearings held by the Appropriations Committee which focused on the Governor’s budget plan and how potential cuts would affect students who attend the state’s public universities.

Capitol Report: Week in Review 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.

All episodes of *Capitol Report* are available online, in keeping with the network’s seamless integration of telecast and interactive content. Visit www.ct-n.com/CR for OnDemand viewing, annotated with synopses and links to related gavel-to-gavel coverage.

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