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Giffords Visits State to Talk Gun Violence & Aid-in-Dying Bill Brings Passionate Testimony on *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*

Hartford, CT – Starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Connecticut Network viewers will recap a week that included a visit from Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, passionate testimony on aid-in-dying and a committee vote on casino expansion on *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*.

Governor Dannel Malloy returned to state business after a week-long vacation by welcoming Former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords to the Capitol on Tuesday. Together, with legislative leaders, the Governor and Giffords held a briefing to talk about gun violence and, more specifically, his proposed domestic violence protection bill. In January 2011 Giffords was one of the victims in a deadly shooting spree in her home state of Arizona and has since traveled the country to discuss gun laws and violence.

As the 2015 Legislative Session continues, the hearing rooms in the Legislative Office Building continued to host long public hearings into the late evening. On Wednesday the Judiciary Committee listened to over 13 hours of testimony in regard to a bill that would allow prescriptions for lethal medications to terminally ill patients. If the bill were to pass, Connecticut would become the fifth state to permit “Aid-in-Dying,” joining Montana, Oregon, Washington and Vermont. The Public Safety and Security Committee also heard testimony this week and voted on a proposal that would allow up to three new casinos in the state. The proposal, which is supported by the Mohegan and Pequot tribes, moved forward after a 15-8 vote in favor of the bill.

Capitol Report will also discuss the Transportation Committee, which met its deadline to act on border tolls and transportation lockbox measures this week, as well as the testimony heard by the Government Administration and Elections Committee on a bill concerning the freedom of information and activities inside higher education foundations.

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. 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.

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