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Budget Deficit Rises Again & Parole Denied for Cop Killer on *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*

Hartford, CT – This weekend Connecticut Network viewers will recap a week where the state budget deficit continued to grow and a convicted cop killer remained behind bars on this week's episode of *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*.

On Wednesday it became clear that the current state budget deficit was higher than expected and Office of Policy Management Secretary Benjamin Barnes, Governor Dannel Malloy's budget point man, warned state agencies about more emergency cuts in spending. This week's episode will cover the Governor's response to the new estimates, plus how revisions to his biennial budget proposal might play out during the legislative process.

The Governor's nominees to head the Departments of Banking and Veterans' Affairs went before the Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee this week for their confirmation hearings. They were joined by UConn women's basketball legend Rebecca Lobo and former Speaker of the House of Representatives Tom Ritter, who were both looking to be confirmed as members of the UConn Board of Trustees. Elsewhere in the Legislative Office Building, the Higher Education Committee debated a bill that would standardize affirmative consent when it comes to sexual relationships on college campuses and the Energy & Technology Committee met its deadline to act on bills related to fixed fee caps and a variable rate ban for electric customers.

Capitol Report will also review an emotional day at MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution in Suffield as the reconsideration hearing for convicted cop killer Gary Castonguay took place Wednesday morning. Flanked by a sea of police officers, the family of murdered Plainville police officer Robert Holcomb testified against the granted parole of Castonguay before the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The board swiftly denied parole after their testimony.

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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