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Lawmakers Offer Perspective on 2015 Legislative Session on *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*

Hartford, CT – This Friday at 7 p.m., Connecticut Network viewers will recap a week of continued talks centered on the state budget and proposed tax increases on the latest episode of *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*.

With just two and half weeks left in the 2015 Legislative Session the state's lawmakers continued discussions on the state budget, including the proposed tax package put forth by the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee. Governor Dannel Malloy opened budget talks this week with Democratic leaders in the state's two legislative chambers. Meanwhile, Republican members of the Finance Committee held a public informational hearing on the revisions made by Democratic legislators to the tax portion of the Governor's proposed budget.

Leaders from both sides of the aisle, including House Speaker Brendan Sharkey, Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, Senate Minority Leader Len Fasano and House Minority Leader Themis Klarides offered their perspectives on legislation from the current session, specifically regarding the budget and property tax reform.

Elsewhere, the Judiciary Committee debated the settlement offered by Attorney General George Jepsen which would end the legal battle over state employee union layoffs ordered by former Governor John Rowland. *Capitol Report* will also discuss another teacher rally that took place at the Capitol this week. For the second week in a row teachers gathered in Hartford, this time to protest against the new Smarter Balanced (SBAC) standardized tests that public school students are now taking as part of the Common Core curriculum.

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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