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CGA Passes a Bipartisan Budget Deficit Fix on *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*

Hartford, CT – This Friday at 7 p.m., Connecticut Network viewers will recap a week that included a bipartisan agreement to close the state budget deficit and testimony from Hartford’s mayor on the capital city’s dire financial situation on the latest episode of *CT-N Capitol Report: Week in Review*.

On Tuesday the legislature met and voted on a [bipartisan agreement](#) designed to close the state budget. [Governor Dannel Malloy](#) praised legislators for working together in order to come to an agreement, which included \$220 million in cuts. The focus now turns to closing an estimated \$900 million shortfall in next year’s budget, which according to the Governor, will need to include state employee layoffs.

In other budget news, the [Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee](#) heard testimony this week on a bill supported by Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin that would create a panel with the ability to negotiate labor contracts. Citing Hartford’s dire financial situation, the mayor testified that the city is running out of options to right the ship. Meanwhile, the [Board of Regents for Higher Education](#) met this week to consider tuition and fee increases for state university and community college students in order to close budget gaps within the CSCU system and the UConn Board of Trustees began looking into the possibility of closing the UConn Torrington campus.

Capitol Report will also review the [Judiciary Committee’s](#) votes on a number of criminal justice bills, including the second phase of the Governor’s Second Chance Society initiative, as well as the one year anniversary celebration for [CTfastrak](#), Connecticut’s first bus rapid transit system.

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.

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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