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### **TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT OPENS THE 2019 SESSION OF THE 111<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT opens its 5<sup>th</sup> season as a 30-minute show on Tennessee's Public Television stations this Sunday. Shot on location at the State Capitol in Nashville, the show offers in-depth interviews and behind-the-scenes video covering Tennessee's Legislature.

This weekend, airing on Sunday morning, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the program features the new leadership of the 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

Rep. Glen Casada (R-Franklin) succeeds Beth Harwell as Speaker of the House.

The new Republican leaders are Sen. Jack Johnson (R-Franklin) and Rep. William Lamberth (R-Cottontown). The new Democratic leaders are Sen. Jeff Yarbrow (D-Nashville) and Rep. Karen Camper (D-Memphis).

The program also shares highlights and behind-the-scenes of Tennessee Public Television's live coverage of Gov. Bill Lee's inauguration on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

"What's new is definitely the theme of this show," said producer Tim Weeks. "Other than the re-election of Lt. Gov. Randy McNally, all of the leadership positions are new faces. We have a new Governor. There are 4 new Senators and 28 new House members...so it's a fresh start on Capitol Hill even though it remains a unified Republican-led government."



Speaker Casada (left)



Johnson (left) & Lamberth (center)



Yarbrow (left) & Camper (center)

Produced to offer Tennesseans insight into the issues and personalities guiding the General Assembly, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is hosted by TV and radio personality Chip Hoback and produced by award-winning producer Tim Weeks of TWAPictures in Nashville for the Tennessee Public Television Council, representing six PBS affiliates across the state.

Bonus coverage by Tennessee Capitol Report is now on Facebook, @TNCapitolReport.

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Host Chip Hoback

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**TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT** airs as follows:

WKNO/Memphis	Sunday, January 27 at 10:00 AM (CT)
WNPT/Nashville	Sunday, January 27 at 9:00 AM (CT)
East Tennessee PBS/Knoxville	Sunday, January 27 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WTCI/Chattanooga	Sunday, January 27 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WLJT/Lexington-Jackson	Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 AM (CT)
WCTE/Cookeville	Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 AM (CT)

ONLINE viewing is available after initial television broadcast on YouTube, and is linked at the station web sites:

[www.WKNO.org](http://www.WKNO.org)

[www.WNPT.org](http://www.WNPT.org)

[www.EastTennesseePBS.org](http://www.EastTennesseePBS.org)

[www.WTCITV.org](http://www.WTCITV.org)

[www.WLJT.org](http://www.WLJT.org)

[www.WCTE.org](http://www.WCTE.org)

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