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TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is a new 30 minute show airing statewide on Tennessee's Public Television stations covering the newsmakers and issues facing the State Legislature.

This weekend, airing on Sunday morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the program offers an overview of the last full week of the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and features interviews with:

Sen. Bill Ketron, (R) Murfreesboro, Senate Republican Caucus Chairman  
Sen. Jeff Yarbro, (D) Nashville, Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman  
Rep. Gerald McCormick, (R) Chattanooga, House Republican Leader  
Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, (D) Ripley, House Democratic Leader



*House Majority Leader Gerald McCormick and House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh are interviewed by Host Chip Hoback*

"The General Assembly passed a \$34 billion dollar budget on April 16<sup>th</sup>, so the program highlights the winners and losers," said producer Tim Weeks. "But our guests also discussed a number of bills that recently passed, like the headline-grabbing 'guns in parks' legislation," he said.

In addition to the interviews covering recent developments, the show offers a documentary piece about the interaction of legislators and their constituents. Featured are Leadership Germantown and Leadership Collierville; the groups were on Capitol Hill on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Included in the story are comments by Donna Chandler Newman, Executive Director of Leadership Germantown, and Patrick Lawton, Germantown's City Administrator. Legislators featured are Sen. Mark Norris, (R) Collierville, who also serves as the Senate Republican Floor Leader, Sen. Reginald Tate, (D) Memphis, and Rep. Mark White, (R) Memphis.

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“Tennesseans get a daily diet of news from Capitol Hill in Nashville when the General Assembly is in session,” continued Weeks, “but TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT aims to offer more depth to the personalities of state leaders who are shaping these issues.”

Shot on location at the State Capitol, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT will continue with a final special in May re-capping the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly’s achievements.

Hosted by TV and radio personality Chip Hoback, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is produced by award-winning producer Tim Weeks of TWAPictures in Nashville.

The series is funded by grants from BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, AT&T, and by the following members of the Tennessee Credit Union League: Ascend Federal Credit Union, Bowater Employees Credit Union, Dupont Community Credit Union, First South Financial Credit Union, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union and UT Federal Credit Union. Additional funding is provided by the Members of Tennessee’s Public Television stations.

TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT airs as follows:

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| WKNO/Memphis           | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 9:00 a.m.  |
| WNPT/Nashville         | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 9:00 a.m.  |
| East Tennessee PBS     | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 9:00 a.m.  |
| WTCI/Chattanooga       | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 9:00 a.m.  |
| WLJT/Lexington-Jackson | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 10:30 a.m. |
| WCTE/Cookeville        | Sundays, April 26 and May 31 at 9:30 a.m.  |

ONLINE viewing is also available after the initial television broadcast at these station web sites:

WKNO.org

WNPT.org

EastTennesseePBS.org

WTCITV.org

WLJT.org

WCTE.org

TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is posted on YouTube by WKNO and linked to the station web sites. Previous episodes are at these links:

March 29 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xkgMhGuTPw>

March 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swvOKGxmFLY>

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