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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, May 31, the program offers a review of the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2015 session) and features interviews with:

Sen. Mark Norris, (R) Collierville, Senate Republican Leader  
Rep. Glen Casada, (R) Franklin, House Republican Caucus Chairman  
Sen. Lee Harris, (D) Memphis, Senate Democratic Leader  
Rep. Mike Stewart, (D) Nashville, House Democratic Caucus Chairman

"Our last program of the year is a wide open discussion of the issues we saw in the 2015 session," said producer Tim Weeks. "You can clearly see the difference between the Republican and Democratic approaches to governing," he said.

In addition to the interviews wrapping up this year's session, the show offers a documentary piece about the YMCA Youth in Government program. Over 2,000 high school and middle school students from across the state participated in the 2015 program, which teaches young people the workings of state government by offering them the opportunity to write and pass their own legislation.



Rep. Casada (L) & Sen. Norris (Center)



Sen. Harris (L) & Rep. Stewart (Center)

"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."

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Shot on location at the State Capitol, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT now concludes its first season covering the Tennessee General Assembly. Hosted by TV and radio personality Chip Hoback, TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT is produced by award-winning producer Tim Weeks of TWAPictures in Nashville.



students in session, Senate chamber

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:

WKNO/Memphis	Sunday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
WNPT/Nashville	Sunday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
East TN PBS/Knoxville	Sunday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
WTCI/Chattanooga	Sunday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
WLJT/Lexington-Jackson	Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m.
WCTE/Cookeville	Sunday, May 31 at 9:30 a.m.

ONLINE viewing is also available after the initial television broadcast at these 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)

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

Episode 3: April 26

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tt-qKw0z4Lk>

Episode 2: March 29

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

Episode 1: March 1

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

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