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**Memphis, Tennessee, January 25, 2017** – TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT debuts its third 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 Sunday morning, January 29 at 10:00 a.m., the program offers an overview of the 110<sup>th</sup> General Assembly’s 2017 session, which opened on January 10<sup>th</sup> as well as a look ahead to Gov. Bill Haslam’s State of the State address before a joint convention of the Tennessee House and Senate on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Featured on this episode are the top leaders in Tennessee government:

**Lt. Governor and Speaker of the Senate Randy McNally** (R-Oak Ridge)

**Speaker of the House Beth Harwell** (R-Nashville)

And making a special guest appearance, **Gov. Bill Haslam**

“We’re truly honored to have all three of the state’s top leaders on the show,” said producer Tim Weeks. “The General Assembly returns from recess on January 30<sup>th</sup> to begin work on the state budget and other legislation and hosting the Governor for the State of the State address is a tradition the Legislature does by invitation every year,” he said.

“With a 2-billion-dollar surplus, the General Assembly can certainly address many needs this year, but Gov. Haslam is also proposing an increase in the gas tax to deal with a backlog of transportation infrastructure projects, so it will be interesting to hear to our government leaders lay the groundwork for their priorities,” Weeks added.



**Lt. Gov. McNally**



**Speaker of the House Harwell**



**Gov. Bill Haslam**

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

**TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT** airs as follows:

WKNO/Memphis	Sunday, January 29 at 10:00 AM (CT)
WNPT/Nashville	Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 AM (CT)
East Tennessee PBS/Knoxville	Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WTCI/Chattanooga	Sunday, January 29 at 9:00 AM (ET)
WLJT/Lexington-Jackson	Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 AM (CT)
WCTE/Cookeville	Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 AM (CT)

ONLINE viewing is also available after the initial television broadcast on YouTube, which is linked 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)

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

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