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TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT debuts its second 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 31, the program offers an overview of the 109<sup>th</sup> General Assembly's 2016 session, which opened on January 12, and features interviews with:

Sen. Mark Norris, (R) Collierville, Senate Republican Leader  
Sen. Lee Harris, (D) Memphis, Senate Democratic Leader  
Rep. Kevin Brooks, (R) Cleveland, House Republican Assistant Leader  
Rep. Craig Fitzhugh, (D) Ripley, House Democratic Leader

"The first few weeks of this session have certainly been generating headlines," said producer Tim Weeks. "A voucher bill has advanced in the House for the very first time and accusations leveled at Representative Jeremy Durham of Franklin has caused the Legislature's Republican leadership to call for an independent review of its sexual harassment policy," he said.

"And all of this has happened as Governor Haslam tries to draw attention to his legislative agenda and the State of the State Address set for next Monday (February 1)," Weeks added.

In addition to the interviews with House and Senate leaders, the debut episode features comments by Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, Republican from Blountville, about this year's session and a documentary segment offering a behind-the-scenes look at his job as Speaker of the Senate.



Lt. Gov. Ramsey (L) & House Speaker Beth Harwell



Chief Clerk of Senate Russell Humphrey & Lt. Gov. Ramsey (R)

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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.

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TENNESSEE CAPITOL REPORT airs as follows:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WKNO/Memphis                 | Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 AM (CT) |
| WNPT/Nashville               | Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 AM (CT)  |
| East Tennessee PBS/Knoxville | Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 AM (ET)  |
| WTCI/Chattanooga             | Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 AM (ET)  |
| WLJT/Lexington-Jackson       | Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 AM (CT) |
| WCTE/Cookeville              | Sunday, January 31 at 9:30 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)

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