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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, March 29th, the program offers an overview of the state budget process and features interviews with:

David Thurman, State Budget Director
Sen. Randy McNally, Chairman, Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee
Rep. Charles Sargent, Chairman, House Finance, Ways & Means Committee
Sen. Bo Watson, Chairman, Senate Finance Subcommittee & Senate Speaker Pro Tempore
Rep. Mike Harrison, Chairman, House Finance Subcommittee

"Governor Haslam proposed his 2015-2016 budget at the State of the State address in early February," said producer Tim Weeks. "Where the process goes from there has always been a bit of mystery to voters and we're very pleased to present the General Assembly's leadership to speak to those issues," he said.

In addition to the interviews dissecting Tennessee's \$33 billion budget, the show also offers a 2-part documentary feature about some of the new faces on Capitol Hill. Out of the 16 new representatives and 7 freshmen senators, the piece includes footage of Sen. Ed Jackson of Jackson, Sen. Jeff Yarbro of Nashville, and Rep. Sabi Kumar of Springfield.



Rep. Sabi Kumar (R) Springfield, District 66
being filmed in the House chamber

“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 two more specials during the 2015 legislative session.

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 will air as follows:

WKNO/Memphis 9:00 a.m.	Sundays, March 1, 29, April 26 and May 31 at
WNPT/Nashville 9:00 a.m.	Sundays, March 1, 29, April 26 and May 31 at
East TN PBS/Knoxville 9:00 a.m.	Sundays, March 1, 29, April 26 and May 31 at
WTCI/Chattanooga 9:00 a.m.	Sundays, March 1, 29, April 26 and May 31 at
WLJT/Lexington-Jackson 10:30 a.m.	Sundays, March 1, 29, April 26 and May 31 at

WCTE/Cookeville
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