

Special Report

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HOUSE UNVEILS LEGISLATIVE BROADCASTING

Watch the State House in Action Today on Your Local Cable Channel

The Tennessee House of Representatives and cable television operators throughout the state have partnered to bring the citizens of Tennessee access to state government programming on local basic cable channels.

The House has over the past four years established the goal of making the daily Sessions of the Tennessee General Assembly as open and accessible as possible to citizens across the state. Cable broadcast of our session meetings is the latest phase of that goal.

Beginning last year, the live Sessions of the House of Representatives were streamed on the Internet for remote viewing. In addition to live streaming, the House began archiving the Sessions for delayed viewing.

It is our goal to make Sessions and Budget Hearings as citizen-friendly as possible. From anywhere across the state, you can watch us live from your computer. If you cannot come to Nashville to watch in person, you can do so from the comforts of your own home. And if you do not have access to the Internet, you now have the option of watching on cable.

And because we understand many Tennesseans have busy schedules and will not be able to watch live, we will also be storing the Sessions and Hearings in the archives for a short while each week so you can watch them at your convenience.

In 1999, the House began testing monitors in the foyer outside the House Chamber. By the 2001-02 Session, the whole of Session was viewable in the foyer. To increase the audience, the pilot was expanded in 2002 to streaming internet users across the state, including some editorial boards.

And now, at the onset of the 104th General Assembly, the House is pleased to unveil the latest stage of our broadcasting program. From the opening gavel, all floor Sessions will be able to be seen live through the legislature's web site, archived through the web site and on delayed transmission through cable television.

This is the latest phase of our open government agenda. The proceedings can be viewed as follows:

Franchise	Days & Times	Channel
Time Warner (Memphis Area)	Mon./Tues./Wed. Starting at 5 p.m.	TV 6
Comcast (Knoxville Area)	TBA	Community TV 10
Comcast (Oak Ridge Area)	TBA	12
Comcast (Middle TN & Nashville)	Tues./Thurs./Fri. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	49
STC Holding (College Grove, Eaglesville, Nolensville)	Mon./Tues. 9 p.m.	3 - WAXO
Charter (Clarksville)	Friday Starting at 2 p.m.	10
Charter (Central TN)	Friday Starting at 2 p.m.	97
Charter (West TN & Jackson Area)	Friday Starting at 2 p.m.	19
Adelphia Communications (Greeneville)	TBA	73
Comcast (Chattanooga Area)	Sunday Noon - 6 p.m.	3
Comcast (Johnson City/Gray)	TBA	14

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