

Quarterly Issues File
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Our issues-related programming consists of the "Capitol Connection," produced weekly by WAMC-Northeast Public radio in Albany. The 30-minute program runs weekly at 5:00 am each Sunday. The show is hosted by Albany Professor Emeritus Dr. Alan Chartok and covers topics related to the New York State government. The headline of each week's program this quarter is as follows:

1/8/15 WAMC's David Guistina sits down with Alan Chartock for a special *Capitol Connection* program on the life of former three-term Governor Mario M. Cuomo and his unique relationship with Alan and WAMC.

1/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief and Columnist for the *New York Daily News*. The two talk about the strained relationship between Governor Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill DeBlasio and the issues they've debated, including Charter Schools and funding for Pre-K.

1/22 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Blair Horner, Legislative Director for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). Horner and Chartock talk about Democratic Majority Speaker Sheldon Silver's corruption charges, his arrest and its effects on the state.

1/29 WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor Nancy Zimpher. Zimpher discusses her fifth State of the University address saying that higher education in New York is doing better than the national average, but is still not good enough for her. The Chancellor talked about retention rates for graduates and the burden of escalating costs for students.

2/7/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with State Assemblywoman Patricia Fay, a Democrat from New York's 109th Assembly District. Fay and Chartock talk about choosing a new speaker in the Assembly and what legal troubles lay ahead for Democratic Majority Speaker Sheldon Silver. The 2015 budget was also discussed in relation to the legal matters.

2/14/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with State Senator and Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Cousins addresses her diverse district and the Clean-up Albany legislative package, including restricting legislative leaders' outside income, requiring complete financial disclosure for politicians and prohibiting the taxpayer reimbursement of the Campaign and Legal Defense Fund.

2/21/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Blair Horner, Legislative Director for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG). Horner and Chartock discuss

Governor Andrew Cuomo's proposal to pass a constitutional amendment to strip corrupt public officials of their pensions. Horner talks about whether he believes the legislature would pass such a measure, despite the public's backing of the bill.

2/28/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with New York State Comptroller Thomas Dinapoli. The Comptroller talks about oil spills nationally and the state's concerns about oil tankers coming into Albany and New York City. The governor has proposed to increase the amount of money that goes into the state's oil spill fund and using the funds for remediation and prevention purposes.

3/6/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief and Columnist for the *New York Daily News*. The two talk education, including charter schools, the Governor Andrew Cuomo's new rules on teacher evaluations and the recent rallies held by teachers across the state. Did their lack of endorsement of the governor create the political strife?

3/13/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with New York State Republican Assemblyman Jim Tedisco. Chartock and Assemblyman Tedisco talk about the new standards for the Common Core curriculum, the Common Core Parental Refusal Act and the new teacher evaluation system.

3/20/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with H. Carl McCall, Former New York State Senator, Comptroller, U.N. Ambassador, and current Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees. McCall and Chartock talk about his job at SUNY and its challenges, including increasing student enrollment, investments by the state and the affordable costs of tuition at SUNY schools.

3/27/15 WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Yancey Roy, Albany Bureau Chief for *Newsday*. Roy talks about Andrew Cuomo and what he's been doing as Governor of New York.