

Norment v. Saslaw debate to be live streamed, broadcast



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CNU showdown: Norment v. Saslaw will be live stream Monday.

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Next Monday's debate between Senate Majority Leader Thomas K. "Tommy" Norment and his Democratic counterpart, state Sen. Richard Saslaw, will stream live online and be available to public radio stations around the state, the Wason Center for Public Policy announced Wednesday.

The link is cnu.edu/live. Bookmark it now.

Norment, R-James City, and Saslaw, D-Springfield, will square off on the Christopher Newport University campus ahead of the Nov. 3 general elections. They're not running against each other, per se. Saslaw has a challenge in his Northern Virginia district from Green Party candidate Terry W. Modglin, and Norment faces Democrat Hugo Reyes in a relatively safe district for Republicans.

But control of the Virginia Senate is up in this election, and with it the fate of Gov. Terry McAuliffe's legislative agenda for the next two years.

Plus, if you like politics but don't watch a lot of state Senate floor sessions, you might enjoy watching. They both have ... a unique rhetorical style.

The 75-minute debate begins at 6 p.m. at the Ferguson Center on the CNU campus, per a Wason Center news release. Admission is free, but tickets should be reserved at rsvp.cnu.edu.

Quentin Kidd, head of the Wason Center, will moderate. A panel will pose questions. Panel members are:

- › Jeff Schapiro, columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch
- › Bob McCartney, senior regional correspondent and associate editor of the Washington Post

- › Dwayne Yancey, editorial page editor of the Roanoke Times
- › Brian Colligan, editorial page editor of the Daily Press.

WHRO-FM, plans to make the debate available to all public radio stations in Virginia, the Wason center said in its release.

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