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Bridging the Digital Divide: State Broadband Policy in the U.S.

The United States continues to lag behind other developed countries in terms of broadband adoption and connection speeds. Some states have chosen to adopt policies aimed at improving the proliferation and quality of Internet service. These policies have taken several forms.

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Online Sales Taxes See New Life in Congress

As consumers continue to use the Internet to acquire goods, members of Congress are attempting to solve a quirk in tax law that prevents states from collecting potential sales tax revenue. Bills in both the House and Senate aim to give states the authority to require out-of-state businesses selling online or through catalogs to collect taxes already owed under state law.

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Needle Exchange Legality by State

Sixteen states have passed laws explicitly authorizing needle exchange programs, and there are a number of states with statutes that either decrease barriers to the distribution of clean needles or altogether remove syringes from the list of drug paraphernalia.

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Hiring Veterans, One at a Time

Walmart announced in 2013 that it would hire 100,000 veterans over five years. The company also committed to guaranteeing a job offer to any veteran who had been honorably discharged from active duty in the past 12 months. Walmart is likely to hit that 100,000 mark in two years, rather than five.

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How Does the Power Flow in Legislative Branch Federalism?

In the second in a series of three webinars about the state of federalism as it applies to the states and the federal government, CSG's eCademy session on Tuesday, Aug. 4, will explore the roles of Congress and state legislatures, highlighting the inter-workings of congressional and elected state legislators. Panelists will provide concrete examples to clarify this relationship, which is crucial to the smooth functioning of the states, but can sometimes be blurry and complicated.

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State Gas Tax Increases in 2015

Six states—Iowa, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Georgia and Nebraska—raised gas taxes during the first half of 2015 with some states changing gas taxes to make them more sustainable or to maintain revenue levels.

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How Many Workers Will Be Affected by Proposed Overtime Change?

The Fair Labor Standards Act requires employees to be paid at a rate of time-and-a-half for any hours worked over 40 per week. The law exempts a group of employees from this rule who satisfy certain job duties, receive a minimum weekly salary or salary level threshold. The proposed new rule would raise that threshold to about \$50,440 and automatically update that threshold every year by some measure of inflation.

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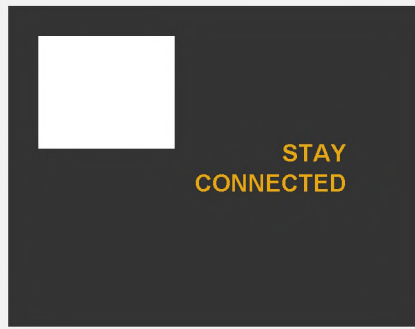
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