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#### **Midwestern States Hit Hard by Bird Flu**

A highly contagious strain of "bird flu" hit the United States this year, and parts of the Midwest have been the epicenter of the outbreak. Highly pathogenic avian influenza--H5N2--had been identified in at least 15 states as of early May.

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#### **Broadband Expansion Grows New Connections in Rural Areas**

Broadband services have attained a high profile as a critical component of the information economy, supporting the vigorous interchange of information within and between all segments of society.

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#### **Feds Release 2015 Unified Agenda for Federal Regulations**

The White House unveiled its semiannual regulatory agenda right before the Memorial Day weekend. The Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions details the rules that are under development throughout the federal government and

#### **Cooperation Difficult, but Necessary, for States and Feds**

Federal, state and local governments can work together, but it's not often easy. That's according to panelists in a recent CSG eCademy, "The Ins and Outs of Executive Branch Federalism." It was the first of a three-part Civics Education Series.

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### **Outbreak: Avian Flu Hits the U.S.**

As of late May, the highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N2, has led to the deaths of more than 40 million birds in 15 states. At least 11 states have banned all bird shows this summer in an effort to slow the spread of the disease.

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### **Alzheimer's Disease: A Growing Burden**

An estimated 5.3 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease in 2015, and that number is expected to increase in the next 10 years, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

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### **Supreme Court Rules Maryland May Not Double Tax**

In a 5-4 decision in *Comptroller v. Wynne*, the Supreme Court held that Maryland's failure to offer residents a full credit against income taxes paid to other states is unconstitutional. The State and Local Legal Center and the International Municipal Lawyers Association filed an amicus brief in support of Maryland.

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### **Suggested State Legislation Docket Now Available Online**

The Suggested State Legislation Committee will hold its next meeting in Washington, D.C., June 19-20. The meeting materials, including the docket of bills to be considered by the committee, are now available on the CSG website.

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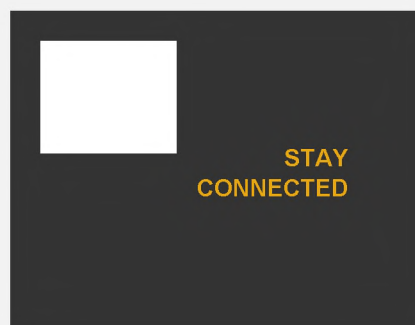
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