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### **States Move to Regulate, Ban Daily Fantasy Sports Industry**

If you're a sports fan, you've probably seen those ubiquitous advertisements for daily fantasy sports websites ramp up with Super Bowl 50 fast approaching. As these websites' popularity surges, state officials have to contend with the uncharted legal territory that surrounds their operations.

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### **Winter Storm Jonas: What Does a State of Emergency Mean?**

A state of emergency was declared in 11 states in response to Winter Storm Jonas, which slammed the East Coast last week, killing at least 37 people and leaving 250,000 people without power, according to the *Weather Channel*. Several governors declared a state of emergency even before the storm hit. But what does it mean when a governor declares a state of emergency?

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### **East Coast Blizzard Shuts Down D.C., Shifting Focus to Iowa**

Winter Storm Jonas swept through Washington, D.C., leaving behind icy roads and a quiet city. Last week, congressional lawmakers were slowly making their way back to Capitol Hill after roads were cleared. Although there is a lot of work to be done in Congress, all eyes are focused on Iowa, which hosts the nation's first caucus for the presidential elections today, Feb. 1.

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### **Managing Solid Waste through Product Stewardship Laws**

Product stewardship laws have a goal of reducing the environmental, safety and health impacts of consumer products. Originally focused on batteries, these laws are being applied to more consumer products and states are structuring them in different ways. Tune in Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. EST for a CSG eCademy webcast featuring Chaz Miller of the National Association of Waste and Recycling, who will provide an overview of product stewardship laws in the states and discuss emerging issues and trends.

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### **States Put It to a Vote**

The 2016 presidential election season officially kicks off today with the convening of the Iowa caucuses. The nation's first presidential primary will follow closely behind as New Hampshire voters head to the polls on Feb. 9. Here's a look at the year ahead for state and federal elections.

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### **Top 5 Issues for 2016: Fiscal and Economic Development**

For states in the coming year, no news is good news when it comes to finances. For the last few years, states on the whole have seen a slow and steady increase in revenues and will have a little bit more breathing room when making fiscal decisions this year. CSG Director of Fiscal and Economic Development Policy Jennifer Burnett outlines the top five issues related to fiscal and economic development policy for 2016.

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### **First Chance for U.S. Military, Overseas Voters to Participate in Iowa Caucuses**

On Feb. 1, Iowa voters will gather in select caucus sites to choose their respective national parties' presidential candidates. However, for the first time in the history of the Iowa Caucus process, active duty members of the military and civilians living abroad will be allowed to participate and cast their votes.

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### **CSG's Adkins to Address State Policy Agendas at *Governing* Conference**

CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins will provide a national look at the issues driving states' policy agendas this week at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Adkins will speak to a national audience of journalists and policymakers during a panel discussion on state and local policy at *Governing* magazine's Outlook 2016 State and Local Market Forecast conference this week.

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### **New Tools for Governance: The icitizen**

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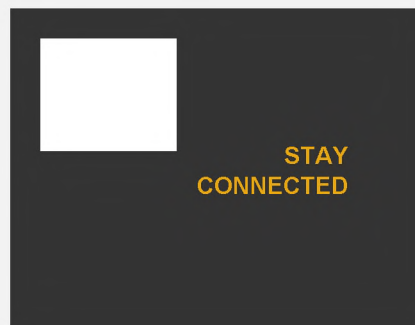
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