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● **Legislative News**

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["Connecting Kids and Lawmakers"](#) by Jan Goehring and Stephanie Walton

Students are getting involved in American democracy, and legislators are helping them.

["The Unexpected Legislator"](#) by Jane Carroll Andrade

In the midst of their grief, and with little time to prepare, these widows stepped into the political spotlight to fill their late husbands' legislative seats.

["Direct Democracy's Disaster"](#) by John A. Straayer

Through the initiative process, Colorado recently passed a law with loads of unintended consequences—Amendment 41.