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Economic Development. Much of the work done in the State House this year has revolved around efforts to grow the economy. One idea with widespread support is to expand high-speed internet service to underserved areas of the state, which would remove... [Read more](#) [3]

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The Road to Self-Governance. On Wednesday, following much debate on and off the Senate floor, an amended self-governance bill, S.106, passed the Senate.

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Access to Broadband. On Tuesday, the House overwhelmingly passed H.513 – a bill that would address the lack of broadband access in Vermont, particularly in rural areas – by a vote of 139 to 2. The House Energy and Technology Committee recognized... [Read more](#) [6]

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Self-Governance. On Tuesday, the Senate Government Operations Committee unanimously voted out S.106, the bill to establish a pilot program for self-governance authority at the local level. Towns would enjoy the opportunity to develop innovative... [Read more](#) [7]

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The Transportation Bill. The House Transportation Committee is currently putting the finishing touches on this year's transportation bill. Local officials who attended a joint hearing of both transportation

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Vermont Town Meeting. Next week is, of course, town meeting, Vermont's treasured form of direct democracy. Many of your representatives and senators will be home for the week-long legislative break, and we hope they will attend town meeting and soak... [Read more](#) [9]

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Senate Government Operations Takes Up Self Governance Proposal. This week, the Senate Government Operations Committee began initial discussions of S.106, the first draft of a municipal self-governance program modeled after a similar one that was... [Read more](#) [10]

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Local Government Day 2019. Thursday dawned bright and clear, setting the tone for serious business at the State House, where approximately 130 Local Government Day attendees gathered to deliver multiple messages to their legislators. In his... [Read more](#) [11]

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An Emergency in Emergency Medical Services. This week, the Senate Government Operation Committee received the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee's annual report to the legislature, which summarizes the general health and status of... [Read more](#) [12]

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On the Broadbandwagon. It's quickly becoming apparent that broadband access and connectivity will receive serious focus this legislative session. Currently, at least six percent of Vermonters lack access to basic broadband services; 26 percent of... [Read more](#) [13]

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Governor Scott Delivers Budget Address. In his budget address on Thursday, Governor Phil Scott emphasized what can be achieved by working together with civility – providing an example to the rest of the country – and by rejecting “hate and anger,... [Read more](#) [14]

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Water Quality Issues. The issue of Vermont's water quality will be front and center again this session as the legislature resumes its search for a long-term funding source to clean up of the waters of the state.

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The Legislature Convenes. The House and Senate convened in their respective chambers on Wednesday, and during the first of two days of pomp and circumstance, members were sworn in and appointed to leadership and committees roles. The House boasts a... [Read more](#) [16]

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