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Steam-state legislators have chapters of the State Freedom Caucus Network, an outgrowth of the congressional group that has held up bills on immigration and voting access. The group has been promoting conservative social, economic and political goals.

The state chapters are pressing conservative legislation and holding meetings to show that they don’t back down as they push for right-wing policies.

But regardless of whether they succeed on legislation, they need to stay at the forefront of public debate and keenly aware to the shifting positions of their colleagues.

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Hey there!

VERMONT: Vermont leaders consider tax changes to address rising costs. Organizations say that raising taxes on New York and New Jersey residents are lowering Vermont’s economy. The state considers proposals to increase taxes on sugar, alcohol and tobacco products.

PA: Pennsylvania Democrats want the state to support parents and their children born through surrogacy or in vitro fertilization. The state is one of nine bills that creates the Michigan Family Protection Act. The bills were sponsored by Democrats and supported by the state’s labor unions.

LA: Louisiana governor would choose who chairs university boards under a controversial bill. The bill would give the governor the power to appoint members to the governing councils of public universities. The bill would allow the governor to choose the chair of the council, which would make the decision on who would serve as the council’s chair.

MT: Montana Supreme Court writes ballot statement for proposed abortion access amendment. The court issued a statement supporting the proposed amendment, which would allow voters to decide in November whether to amend the state’s constitution to allow abortions.

HI: Hawaii legislators seek voters’ input from mailer survey on marijuana bill. The state is considering a bill that would legalize recreational marijuana, and the survey would give voters the opportunity to provide feedback.

The Florida Supreme Court released two abortion rulings: one that overturned the state’s 15-week ban, and the other that upheld a law requiring providers to get consent from minors before performing an abortion.

Michigan the only state in the nation to criminalize surrogacy contracts. The state is the only one to pass a law that criminalizes surrogacy contracts, which would make Michigan the only state where surrogacy is illegal.

Governor has approved 3 California prison closures but resists pressure to shutter others. Gov. Gavin Newsom approved the closure of three state prisons but resisted calls to close others, citing ongoing public health concerns and the state’s budget constraints.

New York police seize nearly $3 million worth of drugs in drug raid. Police seized over $3 million worth of drugs during a drug raid on a Brooklyn home, the largest drug bust in the city in recent years.

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OVERDOSE CRISIS: revenge for unfavorable news coverage through falsified and invalid search warrants, the order for search warrants. The order was filed a federal First Amendment lawsuit against local authorities who carried out a raid of a newspaper office and publishers’ home, accusing the “co-conspirators” of seeking revenge for unfavorable news coverage through falsified and invalid search warrants.

NEWSPAPER RAID: the raid on Country Caucus, a small local newspaper in Las Vegas, has drawn concern from local and national groups. The raid was based on a tip about the paper’s coverage of a local political issue, and the government was investigating the paper’s coverage.

SURROGACY PROTECTIONS: Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, signed a bill that addresses the issue of surrogacy contracts, which would make Michigan the only state where surrogacy is illegal.

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