

<p>Story 1: <i>Industry News</i> Shopify, Stripe, and Coinbase Unite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopify partners with Coinbase and Stripe to enable USDC stablecoin payments on the Base network for millions of merchants. • The integration supports seamless transactions with no additional gateways, starting with a pilot in late June 2025. • Merchants can receive local currency or USDC, with plans for full rollout to all Shopify merchants by year-end. 	<p>Story 3: <i>State News</i> Connecticut Blocks Crypto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut passes a bill banning state agencies from investing in digital assets, including Bitcoin, effective June 10, 2025. • The move contrasts with federal crypto-friendly policies, reflecting state-level caution toward digital assets. • The ban aims to protect state funds but may limit Connecticut's role in blockchain innovation.
<p>Story 2: <i>Congress News</i> Senate Proceeds with GENIUS Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The U.S. Senate advances the GENIUS Act to regulate stablecoins and clarify crypto oversight roles for SEC and CFTC. • The legislation aims to foster crypto innovation while ensuring investor protection, with a vote scheduled soon. • Its passage could streamline digital asset regulations, though its final fate remains uncertain. 	<p>Story 4: <i>Agency News</i> SEC Reverses DeFi Rulings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SEC scraps Gensler-era DeFi exchange and custody rule proposals, signaling a shift to lighter regulation. • Chairman Paul Atkins announces an "innovation exemption" to ease compliance for DeFi platforms. • The decision aims to accelerate blockchain financial product development, effective June 9, 2025.

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