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The divided Diet caused by the ruling coalition's failure to	61
maintain a majority in the Upper House is worrying the 47 governors	129
that bills to boost the power of local governments will not be enacted.	202
And the National Governors' Association issued a statement calling	269
on the ruling and opposition parties to establish a consultative body	339
between them to ensure the passage of those bills.	391
In view of the financial difficulties affecting the central and	455
local governments, the governors also called for raising the consumption	528
tax from the current 5 percent. They suggested the formation of another	601
consultative body between the ruling and opposition parties to discuss	672
tax reform and expressed their readiness to participate in the debate.	744
Three bills aimed at forming a legally backed forum for policy	807
consultations between the central and local governments and strengthen-	877
ing a devolution strategy conference within the Cabinet Office have been	950
carried over to the next Diet session. Establishment of such a forum	1020
must be acceptable to the ruling and opposition parties.	1078
The DPJ government plans to free up, one by one, subsidies to local	1146
governments with strings attached from fiscal 2011. But the DPJ may	1215
not be able to enact a bill to free up such subsidies and other bills	1285
because the opposition controls the Upper House and it lacks a	1348
two-thirds majority in the Lower House to reverse an Upper House vote.	1420
Because the opposition parties' attitudes can decide the fate of	1485
bills designed to give more power to local governments, the governors	1555
made it clear that they will contact the opposition camp to gain their	1626
cooperation. It may be important for the governors to approach	1690
political parties. But at the same time they must clearly demonstrate	1761
to local residents how devolution will help improve the quality of their	1834
lives.	1840

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