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-Letter from Governor McMaster to President Trump asking for federal assistance to the tune of 5 Billion dollars for roads and 180 million for the Charleston 52 Harbor Deepening Project. A December 16th letter to the National Governors Association from the Trump transition team stated that \$150 Billion would be invested in infrastructure projects across the nation.

[http://governor2.sc.gov/Documents/2.6.2017%20McMaster%20letter%20to%20President%20Donald%20Trump%20\(1\)%20\(1\).pdf](http://governor2.sc.gov/Documents/2.6.2017%20McMaster%20letter%20to%20President%20Donald%20Trump%20(1)%20(1).pdf)

-BMW manufacturing president and CEO calls BMW a local company

"The facts as of today are this (in Greer) is the biggest BMW plant in the world," said Flor. "This itself I think is a statement. The second is we are exporting more than 70-percent of all the cars. This means we exported more than 280,000 cars last year from the United States in to the world. In return we imported less cars. We export much more than we import, and I think this makes BMW from my point of view, a local company – a U.S., local company.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2017/02/03/new-bmw-chief-considers-company-local/97438530/>

-SCDOT proposes that 99 acres of trees need to be cleared along the I-95 corridor in Jasper County.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article131181329.html>

- House Ways and Means Committee discusses H.3516 today at 10:30. This bill increases the "motor oil user fee", the road tax and the fee for registering a motor vehicle.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article131175634.html>

-Betsy DeVos Senate confirmation vote expected early this afternoon.

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/senate-confirms-betsy-devos-as-education-secretary/article_6d73a9de-ed48-11e6-b982-971cbe531084.html

-Smoking will be prohibited at all Beaufort County-owned or operated facilities and campuses starting March 1.

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article130972204.html>

-A suicide bomber struck an entrance to Afghanistan's Supreme Court on Tuesday, killing at least 19 people in the latest in a series of attacks on the country's judiciary.

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/afghan-officials-suicide-bomber-kills-at-least-in-kabul/article_45a7414c-ed37-11e6-a330-43aef95d0bde.html

-Rep. Joe Wilson introduced a bipartisan resolution condemning North Korea's development of intercontinental ballistic missiles. The resolution calls for the US to apply all available sanctions.

http://www.aikenstandard.com/news/u-s-rep-wilson-s-resolution-condemns-north-korean-missile/article_b205486c-ed4a-11e6-964c-736ef8a8f3fe.html

-US trade deficit rose .4 percent in 2016 to \$502.3 billion, the highest it has been since 2012.

http://thetandd.com/business/us-trade-deficit-last-year-hit-highest-level-since/article_2a569761-aa1c-53ec-a043-f5bc65b24ef2.html

-13,000 hanged in a prison north of Damascus from 2011-2015 according to report from Amnesty International.

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/business/article131121424.html>

-York county's Tammy and Edward Dalsing took custody of their 3 year old daughter when she was 3 weeks old. South Carolina appeals court vacated their adoption order and returned custody to her biological father once he was released from prison. The Dalsings pledge to fight this decision. (Couldn't find the article I originally read, but this one

is more in-depth)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4193672/Family-s-heartache-girl-taken-despite-adoption.html>

-Trump involved in decision making on Yemen raid. Navy Seal Chief Petty Officer William Ryan Owens killed in action during raid.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/03/politics/yemen-raid-trump-obama/>

-3,498 people killed in Afghanistan conflict last year, including 900 children, according to UN

<http://www.therecord.com/news-story/7104628-un-25-per-cent-increase-in-afghan-children-killed-in-2016/>