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### Governor Nikki Haley Confirmation Hearing News:

**NBC News:** Nikki Haley Becomes Latest Trump Cabinet Pick to Criticize Russia

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/nikki-haley-becomes-latest-trump-cabinet-pick-criticize-russia-n708511>

Amanda Sakuma

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley pledged before a Senate panel on Wednesday that if confirmed as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, she would stand up to Russian aggression, even in light of the president-elect's glowing public comments aimed toward Russia's divisive leader.

**Note:** "Russia is trying to show its muscle," she told the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. "We cannot trust them and need to continue to be cautious."

**Note:** Haley came out swinging early in her confirmation hearing on Wednesday, criticizing the United Nations for its "bias" against Israel.

**Reuters:** Trump U.N. pick echoes his criticism but breaks from him on issues

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-congress-haley-idUSKBN1520J1>

Patricia Zengerle, Arshad Mohammed

Donald Trump's pick for U.N. ambassador echoed his condemnation of the world body and pledged to push for reforms at her confirmation hearing on Wednesday, but broke from the president-elect on some other policy issues, including Russia and NATO.

**Note:** South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley seconded criticism of the United Nations by Trump and many of their fellow Republicans before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, especially for what she termed its "bias" against Israel.

**USA Today:** Where Nikki Haley and Donald Trump split on foreign policy

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/01/18/heres-where-haley-disagrees-trump-foreign-policy/96735802/>

Oren Dorell

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, the nominee for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, disagreed Wednesday with President-elect Donald Trump on several foreign policy issues. Haley, questioned by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearing, said their differences were a sign of Trump's open-mindedness.

**Note:** "That's how an administration works. You surround yourself with people who don't just say 'yes.' And what I know about the president-elect is he will listen," Haley said.

**New York Times:** Nikki Haley, at Confirmation Hearing, Says Russia Is Guilty of War Crimes

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/18/us/politics/nikki-haley-un-ambassador-russia-war-crime.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/18/us/politics/nikki-haley-un-ambassador-russia-war-crime.html?_r=0)

Mark Landler

Gov. Nikki R. Haley of South Carolina on Wednesday became the latest cabinet nominee to show daylight with President-elect Donald J. Trump, declaring that Russia was guilty of war crimes in Syria and that it should also be subject to additional sanctions for its incursions into Ukraine.

**Note:** Speaking to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearing as ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Haley said: "Russia is trying to show their muscle right now. It's what they do." She added: "I don't think we can trust them. We have to continue to be very strong back, and show them what this new administration is going to be."

**Washington Post:** Nikki Haley departs sharply from Trump on a range of foreign policy issues, including Russia

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-nominee-nikki-haley-set-to-show-skepticism->

[about-value-of-un/2017/01/17/4558615a-dcf0-11e6-acdf-14da832ae861\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.7b7a3e3781fa](http://about-value-of-un/2017/01/17/4558615a-dcf0-11e6-acdf-14da832ae861_story.html?utm_term=.7b7a3e3781fa)

Anne Gearan, Sean Sullivan

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley departed sharply and sometimes awkwardly from President-elect Donald Trump on several foreign policy issues Wednesday and told senators that as United Nations ambassador she would not hesitate to disagree with her boss.

**McClatchy DC:** Nikki Haley's test at the UN: Is access to abortion a human right?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/white-house/article127244064.html#storylink=cpy>  
Vera Bergengruen

If Nikki Haley is confirmed as Donald Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, the strong opponent of abortion rights could be caught up in controversy over whether to define contraception and safe abortions as a human right for women, especially in developing countries.

**WIS:** Chairman: Expect Gov. Nikki Haley to be 'confirmed overwhelmingly' to UN post

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34283208/chairman-expect-gov-nikki-haley-to-be-confirmed-overwhelmingly-to-un-post>

Jeremy Turnage

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee expects Gov. Nikki Haley to be confirmed to be the next United States ambassador to the United Nations. Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee praised Haley's answers to all questions during a nearly four-hour hearing Wednesday morning, effectively sealing her fate to leave South Carolina after six years as governor.

**Post and Courier:** Haley says she does have differences with Trump on global affairs

[http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/after--hour-hearing-chairman-predicts-nikki-haley-will-be/article\\_bb7eede0-dd7c-11e6-ad23-330c7afc3f9b.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/after--hour-hearing-chairman-predicts-nikki-haley-will-be/article_bb7eede0-dd7c-11e6-ad23-330c7afc3f9b.html)

Emma Dumain

Gov. Nikki Haley drew praise for her confirmation hearing performance Wednesday, where she made it clear she will continue to stand up to President-elect Donald Trump when she thinks he's wrong. Haley told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee she disagreed with Trump's past comments that the U.N. is an ineffective body, as well as his statement from last weekend that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is outdated.

**The State:** Trump ambassador nominee Nikki Haley reports up to \$1 million in debts

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article127356989.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley reported owing between \$500,000 and \$1 million on financial disclosures filed as part of her nomination to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations by President-elect Donald Trump. The debts included a personal mortgage of between \$250,001 and \$500,000, according to the report she filed with the Office of Government Ethics.

## **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**The State:** S.C. House GOP leaders propose 10-cent gas-tax hike

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/article127269554.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

A proposal to increase the S.C. gas tax — the second-lowest in the nation — was introduced by S.C. House Republican leaders Wednesday. The plan would raise the 16.75-cent-a-gallon gas tax by 10 cents over five years, increasing it by 2 cents a year. When fully phased-in, the increases proposed by House leaders would raise about \$600 million a year to repair the state's crumbling roads and bridges.

**Note:** However, S.C. lawmakers anticipate the 69-year-old S.C. political veteran will be easier to work with than outgoing Gov. Nikki Haley.

**Note:** Haley, who is expected to be confirmed as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and resign as S.C. governor, drew a hard line on raising taxes to pay for road repairs.

**Post and Courier:** Road funding bill includes 10 cent gas tax increase, higher fees

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/road-funding-bill-includes-cent-gas-tax-increase-higher->

[fees/article\\_fd550990-ddbb-11e6-b897-fb30f3d0e740.html](https://www.postandcourier.com/news/trump-s-budget-pick-mick-mulvaney-acknowledges-k-payroll-tax/article_fd550990-ddbb-11e6-b897-fb30f3d0e740.html)

Maya T. Prabhu

S.C. House lawmakers have decided to take another crack at funding the state's road needs by increasing the gas tax by a dime and imposing various other fees on the state's drivers. The plan offered Wednesday would raise the state's 16.75 cent-per-gallon gas tax by 10 cents over the next five years — 2 cents each year. The move is estimated to raise about \$600 million annually.

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Supreme Court says Senate president has to become lieutenant governor

[http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/s-c-supreme-court-says-senate-president-has-to-become/article\\_ff2d629a-ddb5-11e6-aa57-73d320676cf5.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/s-c-supreme-court-says-senate-president-has-to-become/article_ff2d629a-ddb5-11e6-aa57-73d320676cf5.html)

Andrew Knittle

The S.C. Supreme Court has ruled on the state's line of succession, saying the next lieutenant governor has to be the president pro tempore of the state Senate. The decision clears up some of the controversy over who will be at the top of the state's management chart once Gov. Nikki Haley is confirmed as United Nations ambassador, possibly next week, and current Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster moves up to take her place.

**The State:** McMaster won't get to pick his lieutenant governor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article127286769.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

The S.C. Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that whoever is president pro tempore of the state Senate will become lieutenant governor if the governor's post is vacated by current Gov. Nikki Haley and current Lt. Governor Henry McMaster becomes governor.

**WIS:** SC DMV Director: \$26M needed to ensure Real ID Act compliance

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34293126/scdmv-director-requests-resources-to-bring-sc-up-to-real-id-act-standards>

Samantha Bleiweis

South Carolina's DMV director appealed to legislators for resources, as his agency works to find a way to bring the state into compliance with the Real ID Act. SC DMV Director Kevin Shwedo spoke to members of the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday, telling legislators he would need \$26 million to begin updating IDs across the state.

**The State:** Moped bill headed to Senate floor

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article127292104.html#storylink=cpy>

Avery G. Wilks

A proposal to require moped drivers to register with the Department of Motor Vehicles, follow the same traffic rules as other vehicles and wear reflective vests at night is headed to the S.C. Senate floor. Meanwhile, a House version of the bill, which differs in that it also requires moped drivers to carry liability insurance, is headed back to the drawing board for tweaks.

**The State:** SC lawmaker's domestic-violence case 'not a one-time incident,' prosecutor says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article127268094.html#storylink=cpy>

Teddy Kulmala

An "escalating pattern" of domestic violence over several months led to an Aiken County lawmaker's arrest on domestic violence and firearm charges last month, a prosecutor said during a Wednesday bond hearing on an enhanced charge.

## **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Associated Press:** Trump's budget pick Mick Mulvaney acknowledges \$15K payroll tax lapse for former household worker

[http://www.postandcourier.com/news/trump-s-budget-pick-mick-mulvaney-acknowledges-k-payroll-tax/article\\_0206892c-ddc7-11e6-9eba-efda02b22318.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/trump-s-budget-pick-mick-mulvaney-acknowledges-k-payroll-tax/article_0206892c-ddc7-11e6-9eba-efda02b22318.html)

Andrew Taylor

Rep. Mick Mulvaney, President-elect Donald Trump's choice to run the White House budget office, failed to pay more than \$15,000 in payroll taxes for a household worker more than a decade ago, prompting the Senate's top Democrat to issue a statement saying the lapse should disqualify his nomination.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Post and Courier:** S.C. searches for teachers

[http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/s-c-searches-for-teachers/article\\_a753df8e-dd8f-11e6-8ff7-5bb0b166f4d2.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/s-c-searches-for-teachers/article_a753df8e-dd8f-11e6-8ff7-5bb0b166f4d2.html)

Editorial

The long list of what is needed in South Carolina's substandard public schools includes technology, building upgrades, literacy programs and safe school buses. All are important components of a child's education. But perhaps the most critical need for the state's schools is the most basic: teachers.

### **South Carolina News:**

**Post and Courier:** Obamacare sign-ups in South Carolina beat previous record

[http://www.postandcourier.com/features/your\\_health/obamacare-sign-ups-in-south-carolina-beat-previous-record/article\\_fff78188-ddc4-11e6-9ef8-f7296f1090cc.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/features/your_health/obamacare-sign-ups-in-south-carolina-beat-previous-record/article_fff78188-ddc4-11e6-9ef8-f7296f1090cc.html)

Lauren Sausser

More than 217,000 South Carolinians signed up for an Affordable Care Act insurance plan through Jan. 14, surpassing the 2016 total with two weeks remaining to enroll. Last year, the S.C. Department of Insurance reported that 216,616 South Carolinians had Marketplace coverage. A new federal report published Wednesday shows that 217,101 in the state have already enrolled in coverage for this year.

**WIS:** Attorney: Fired Richland Co. SRO was hung out to dry

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34293897/attorney-fired-richland-co-sro-was-hung-out-to-dry>

Chad Mills

A viral video got a Richland County deputy fired back in October 2015. In many ways, this video still haunts that former deputy, Ben Fields. "He's certainly had a change of employment. He's not currently in law enforcement, which is his passion," Fields' new attorney Ryan Hicks said.

### **Local News:**

**Post and Courier:** Economist: Charleston housing market to continue to thrive in 2017, but at slower pace

[http://www.postandcourier.com/business/economist-charleston-housing-market-to-continue-to-thrive-in-but/article\\_ab250bee-dcf7-11e6-be96-8b099fc00938.html](http://www.postandcourier.com/business/economist-charleston-housing-market-to-continue-to-thrive-in-but/article_ab250bee-dcf7-11e6-be96-8b099fc00938.html)

Warren L. Wise

The Charleston area's housing market should continue to grow in 2017, though at a slower pace than last year. That's the assessment by University of South Carolina economist Joey Von Nessen. In the Charleston area, 22.3 percent of all home sales last year - more than any other sector - were for homes priced at \$400,000 and up, an indication of the second home market coming back to the coastal Lowcountry and that people are making more money in an improved economy and willing to spend it on higher-priced homes.

**Sun News:** Traffic loop will return for Bikefest, but some agencies are proposing changes

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article127260479.html#storylink=cpy>

Emily Weaver

The traffic loop that stranded motorists for hours in the past will be returning to this year's Atlantic Beach Bikefest, but two outside agencies are proposing changes. The NAACP suggested opening up both directions of travel along Ocean Boulevard during the day and using a "flush-out" pattern to keep vehicles moving during the night.

**Island Packet:** Hands off: Superintendent underlines dress-code procedure to school board

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article127170159.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Shain

Teachers and administrators must not touch students or their clothing while looking into dress-code violations, Beaufort County Schools superintendent Jeff Moss told board members Tuesday night, a clarification he planned to reinforce during a Wednesday meeting with district principals.