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COLUMBIA — The House budget-writing committee on Wednesday tentatively approved a spending plan that would give most state employees a 1 percent pay increase, provide \$250 million for roadwork and cut income taxes by \$130 million.

The roughly \$7.5 billion plan for state taxes would send counties an additional \$185 million and let local authorities decide which roads and bridges to fix. It provides the state Department of Transportation an additional \$66 million through vehicle sales taxes.

The Ways and Means Committee plans to wrapped up its work Thursday.

Meanwhile, the state Senate remains unable to get anything done on its

plan to fix the state's crumbling roads seven weeks into the legislative ses-

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an additional \$300 million on K-12 education.

That includes providing teachers a 2 percent cost-of-living pay increase, while veteran teachers in 24 districts would get an additional boost. Currently, about 20 percent of teachers statewide get no credit for experience past 22 years in the classroom. The budget ensures all teachers receive an annual step increase through 23 years.

Prison guards would receive a flat \$1,500 pay increase.

sion. The DOT has said it needs an additional \$1.5 billion annually over two decades to bring the highway system to good condition, though many dispute that amount. A bill to raise roughly half that has been up for debate in the Senate since last year, but senators who oppose a gas tax increase are blocking a floor vote.

Gov. Nikki Haley has repeatedly threatened to veto any road-funding bill that's a net tax increase.

The \$130 million Ways and Means sets aside for tax relief in the fiscal year starting July 1 is the same amount Haley recommended in her budget proposal.

The committee's budget plan spends

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"Being a correction officer has become the most dangerous job in law enforcement," said Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, chairman of the law enforcement subcommittee.

Other state workers would get a 1 percent cost-of-living increase. The budget would also cover increases in health care premiums and pension contributions.

"We can do better than that," said Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg, who will push for a 3 percent across-the-board boost.

"Our employees deserve that."

She pointed to a state-funded report released last month that showed state workers are underpaid compared with their counterparts in other states and even local governments within South Carolina.

Last fall, employees making less than \$100,000 received a one-time \$800 bonus. Otherwise, employees have received two across-the-board raises since 2008: 3 percent in 2012 and 2 percent in 2014.

The budget proposal allows the troubled Department of Social Services to hire 160 new employees, primarily caseworkers.

DSS officials told senators last week that, despite hiring 170 caseworkers since last summer, high caseloads persist — 73 caseworkers still have caseloads of more than 50 children. That's more than double the caseload goals set in 2014 amid increased scrutiny from legislators.

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South Carolina Sen. Thomas McElveen calls for senators to pass a road bill Thursday in Columbia.

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Budget balancing act

Legislative delegation discusses state spending bill at Chamber event

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With the state's legislative session underway as efforts are made to balance a budget and fix the state's crumbling infrastructure, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Brian White, R-Anderson, offered some insight into that process Friday morning.

During the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's legislative breakfast, White touched on some

points his committee and the state Legislature face when compiling a budget and satisfying a number of growing issues facing the state.

From Abbeville County School District's lawsuit calling for more adequate funding for the state's rural schools to fully funding the local government fund and finding a happy balance in taxes to fix

South Carolina's roads, the House ways and means committee has been working to find a number of solutions that will gain support in the House and Senate and dodge potential vetoes from Gov. Nikki Haley.

White decided to clear things

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up about a \$1.3 billion surplus in the state budget and said half of the money is from last year's revenue and cannot be used to fund roads while the state searches for a steady revenue stream.

White said much of the same things from last year are happening this year in earmarking funds for roads, which is supplementing county "C" funds from the state Department of Transportation.

Many legislators have said the state gas tax, which largely funds the DOT, needs to be adjusted in order to provide a steady revenue stream.

"If we had taken care of the problem a long time ago, it wouldn't be as costly as it is today, and that's part

of the problem we're having with roads," White said. "The longer we wait and do nothing, the worse it's going to get. It really is."

However, Haley has said any increase to the gas tax needs to be coupled with a decrease in state income tax.

State Rep. Mike Pitts, R-Laurens, vice chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, held up two dollar bills during the breakfast, saying if you move one elsewhere and keep the other, you're still in the same financial position.

White also warned attendees not to listen to third parties in the state, who advocate against tax increase from outside the state.

"They're spending millions upon millions of dollars to tell all y'all in this room what's best for you," White said. "I think you know what's best for you. You need to let us know

what's best, and you need to back us up on it."

White and Pitts agreed if the state does not raise revenue, funds will have to be taken from elsewhere, such as schools, employee compensation and the local government fund, in order to pay for growing state services and expenditures.

"This state has been going in the direction of reducing our income level, at the same time trying to keep up with services, and we can't continue that," Pitts said. "We're going to flat line in about three years and go deficit in about four if we continue that direction. It's like having a family — a wife and three kids — and cutting your paycheck, and

then having a fourth kid. You just can't do that."

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Pitts said the governor's budget does not have to be balanced and can use nonrecurring funds for recurring expenses and vice versa.

"One of those works. The other does not," Pitts said.

State Rep. Shannon Riley said it has not been a popular thing for Republicans to vote for tax increases and explained last year's supple-

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Greenwood County's state legislative delegation gave a brief overview of this year's session during the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce's legislative breakfast Friday. From left are state Sen. Floyd Nicholson and state Reps. Mike Pitts, Shannon Riley and Anne Parks.



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included the unencrypted Social Security numbers of the adults and their 1.9 million dependents.

Last week, the state's Medicaid agency announced it had begun implementing safeguards to secure the personal health information of roughly 1 million residents, who were shown to be at risk of cybertheft due to the agency's 4-decade-old computer system and poor safety measures.

"Those that attack are patient and those that attack never stop trying," Haley said, adding that she hoped the consortium's work will put South Carolina "at the forefront of cybersecurity."

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ident Harris Pastides to unveil the formation of "SC Cyber," the group drawn from state government, academia, the South Carolina National Guard and the state's leading industries.

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COLUMBIA — A House budget panel chairman is proposing borrowing roughly \$200 million to pay for maintenance at South Carolina's public colleges.

GOP Gov. Nikki Haley has staunchly opposed issuing a bond bill for colleges.

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PRIMARY DOWNFALL

How last name and Trump doomed Jeb Bush campaign

Bush's team had no clear strategy for a rival who was beginning to hijack the Republican Party

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Whether Bush ever had a chance to win the nomination will be debated long after the 2016 race has ended

BY ED O'KEEFE, DAN BALZ
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The Washington Post

For Jeb Bush's campaign, August was a cruel month. Donald Trump's attacks on the former Florida governor as a "low-energy" politician were beginning to stick, and the two were bickering over immigration. The issue before the Bush team was what to do about it.

Some advisers argued for an aggressive response, even to the point of challenging Trump to some kind of one-on-one confrontation. Others resisted, believing Trump's candidacy was unsustainable, while some cautioned against getting "into a pigpen with a pig," as one adviser recalled. Others described it as "trying to wrestle with a stump."

Those summer days crystallized the plight of a campaign that had begun with enormous expectations and extraordinary resources, as the scion of one of America's dynastic political families sought to follow his father and brother to the presidency.

At what would become a crucial moment, Bush's team had no clear strategy for a rival who was beginning to hijack the Republican Party that the Bush

family had helped to build, other than to stay the course set months earlier of telling Bush's story to voters.

"There was no consensus," senior strategist David Kochel said of the discussions about how to combat the threat of

Trump's candidacy. Other campaigns were wrestling with the same problems, but as the front-runner in the polls at the time, Bush would suffer more than the others.

On Saturday night, the candidacy that had begun with such promise ended quietly after a disappointingly weak fourth-place finish in South Carolina.

Ever the gracious realist, Bush announced in his concession speech that he would end his campaign as Trump continued to soar as the GOP front-runner. "I have stood my ground, refusing to bend to the political winds," he said.

Whether Jeb Bush ever had a chance to win the Republican nomination in a campaign year that proved so ill fitting for a rusty politician who preferred policy papers to political combat is a question that will be debated long after the 2016 race has

ended.

"Donald Trump channeled the worst fears, frustrations and anxiety of voters, but he also magnified those same feelings," Sally Bradshaw, Bush's chief strategist and confidant, said on Sunday in an email. "It would be difficult for any solutions-oriented conservative to tackle Trump in this environment, much less one who was seen as having been so much a part of the establishment. He was never going to be an angry guy, and voters wanted angry."

Another key strategist explained what had happened this way on Sunday. "Our theory was to dominate the establishment lane into the actual voting primaries," he said. "That was the strategy, and it did not work. I think it was the right strategy for Jeb. The problem was there was a huge anti-establishment wave. The establishment lane was smaller than we thought it would be. The marketplace was looking for something different, and we'll find out how that ends when we have a nominee."

The result is one of the most startling failures in the modern history of American politics: the

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fall of the House of Bush. It is a human story about the struggles of one of the most successful former governors in America in his bid to become president, like his father and brother, set against the backdrop of one of the strangest political cycles the country has seen in years.

Beyond underestimating the anger in the electorate, three other problems led to Bush's downfall. First, the candidate and his team misjudged the degree of Bush fatigue among Republicans.

Aides said an internal poll conducted last fall showed discouraging news: Roughly two-thirds of voters had issues with Bush's family ties.

Second, Bush and his team miscalculated the role and power of money and traditional television commercials in the 2016 race. During the first six months of 2015, Bush raised more than \$100 million, most of it stockpiled in a super PAC called Right to Rise USA, a strategy that seemed right at the time but came at the cost of not dealing with other pressing needs.

"We didn't use that time to introduce him as a unique brand," said Vin Weber, an outside adviser. "We used it to raise money. I don't want to say they made an obvious and clear mistake, but in retrospect it was a mistake."

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last the summer," said one person who was in attendance.

At that moment, however, Trump was already in the process of undermining Bush's candidacy. If Bush had ever gone up against someone like Trump, it didn't show. Trump was a new and different kind of rival, one given to personal insults

Third, Bush ran a campaign that, whether deliberate or not, was rooted in the past, managed by loyalists who admired Bush and enjoyed his confidence, but who, like the candidate, found themselves in unfamiliar political terrain.

His advisers were persuaded from the start that the more voters learned about what Bush had done as governor of Florida from 1999 to 2007, they would flock to him as their presidential candidate. Bush stubbornly held to that approach — even as evidence mounted that it was out of step with voters.

Doug Gross, a prominent Iowa Republican, recalled meeting with Bush in July 2014 in Kennebunkport, Maine, to talk about the impending campaign. "He definitely wanted to run, he's always had it in him and knew this was his last chance," Gross said. "He was trying to figure out how to do it his own way. I was struck by his obstinate avoidance of any political discussion. ... He wanted to do it his way or no way."

SKIRMISH, THEN TURNING AWAY

In contrast to the doldrums of August 2015, July seemed a glorious time for the Bush team. Early that month, Team Jeb gathered in Kennebunkport to celebrate that the campaign and two allied political committees

had together raised nearly an unprecedented \$120 million. The numbers were made public as nearly 300 major Bush fundraisers assembled to mingle with the Bush family and campaign advisers.

Guests were transported in black-and-red trolleys to Walker's Point, the Bush family compound. The group gathered for a photo with former president George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush.

That evening, Bush touted the team's record fundraising as guests dined on lobster rolls and hamburgers at a luxury resort tucked among a forest of birch groves and balsam fir. "It was incredibly memorable to be there with several generations," said Jay Zeidman, a Houston-based investor who helped raise money from young professionals.

The next day, the donors got briefings from senior Bush aides including Bradshaw, campaign manager Danny Diaz and finance director Heather Larrison. They laid out how the campaign planned to take on contenders such as Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Throughout, there was little mention of Donald Trump.

"None of us thought he would

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rather than policy debates, who monopolized media coverage and got away with provocative statements that would have sunk normal politicians.

Nothing, however, cut as close to the bone as Trump's claim that Bush was too "low-energy" to serve as president.

The accusation was laughable — until it began

to stick. Trump's charge was in fact a proxy for a different and more difficult argument to combat, that Bush was neither strong or edgy enough for a party seething with anger at the grass roots.

"Nobody tapped into it, for all the polling, all the focus groups," said Theresa Kostrzewa, a North Carolina lobbyist who

raised money for the campaign. "The biggest thing they did was miss just how angry the American electorate was and that Trump would be their Captain Ahab."

Bush's advisers would contest that claim. They could see the anger, they said. The issue was what to do about it. "Donors, political operatives and big

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thinkers from around the country urged us to ignore Trump for months," Bradshaw said. "There was no one in the news media or the operative class at the time who felt Trump would ultimately be a serious contender for the nomination."

At the same time, others feared that engaging Trump was almost beneath Bush and would thrust the candidate into a never-ending game of charge-countercharge. "Jeb should be bigger than this," another aide recalled thinking.

A FLAT-FOOTED IMAGE

Bush's failure to come to terms with one of the downsides of his family name came to a head over a four-day period in May, when he stumbled over the decision by his brother, former president George W. Bush, to go to war in Iraq.

Changing his answer on a daily basis, Bush came

across as a flat-footed campaigner clearly uncomfortable articulating his views on the most critical moment of his brother's presidency. But it highlighted as well the double-edged nature of being a candidate named Bush.

A January Washington Post-ABC News poll showed nearly 6 in 10 Americans held an unfavorable view of Bush. He was the only Republican with a negative favorability rating: 44 percent said they have a favorable impression of the former governor while 50 percent rated him negatively. His rankings grew worse as the campaign progressed.

A fundamental weakness, supporters said, was the lack of a coherent rationale for Bush's candidacy and the failure to make inroads with activists on the right. "At the end of the day, it wasn't clear the name was ever surmountable," said a Bush donor. "If the name

was going to be surmounted, it would have to be because there was a fresh set of ideas."

RETAINING HIS GOOD HUMOR

The final months were difficult for Bush. After a particularly weak performance during a debate in Boulder, Colo., in October in which Rubio appeared to get the better of him, there were suggestions that he might quit the campaign right then.

Reporters who made inquiries about the possibility were brushed off. In the middle of it all, Bush spotted a reporter who was a regular on the trail with him. "Hey — I didn't drop out, did I?" he shouted. "You know, that kind of stuff really gets my juices going. I'm going to win this thing, and when I do — you're going to give me a big hug."

The final indignity in a campaign that had suf-

fered through many came three days before Saturday's primary, when South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley endorsed Rubio rather than a man she described as a friend and mentor.

When it ended on Saturday night, Bush told saddened supporters, "We put forward details, innovative, conservative plans to address the mounting challenges that we face. Because despite what you might have heard, ideas matter, policy matters."

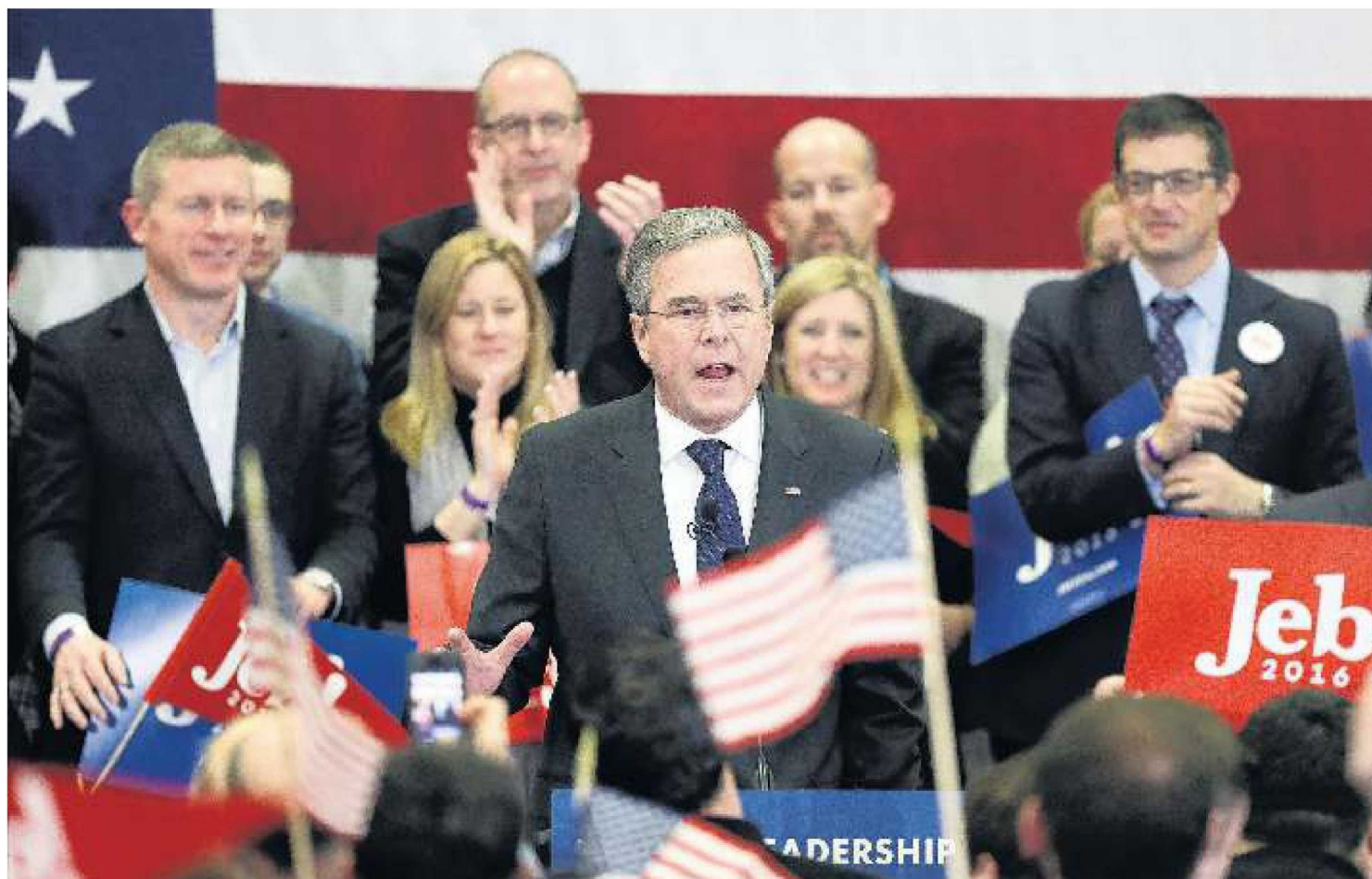
His final remarks as a presidential candidate were a reflection of the campaign he had constructed from the start, one he had built to his unique specifications, which nonetheless proved to be a mismatch for a political environment that had caught him by surprise — and for which he paid a hefty price.



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Supporters of Jeb Bush campaign outside of Eastlan Baptist Church, a polling location in Greenville, on Saturday.

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Republican presidential candidate and former Florida governor Jeb Bush speaks Feb. 9 during a rally in Manchester, N.H.

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EDITORIAL

Keep terrorists at Guantanamo

President Barack Obama has asked Congress to agree to close the prison at the Guantanamo naval base in Cuba and transfer nearly 60 terrorists to as-yet undesignated prisons in the United States, likely including the Naval Consolidated Brig in Hanahan. Gov. Nikki Haley and Republicans on the South Carolina congressional delegation are right to reject his call.

As Sen. Tim Scott said in a Tuesday statement, "The law could not be any clearer: President Obama does not have the authority to move dozens of dangerous terrorists from the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay to American communities. Instead of trying to empty Gitmo and moving dozens of dangerous terrorists to South Carolina, Kansas or Colorado, the president needs to put our national security interests first."

Congress has repeatedly said that no federal funds can be used to transfer the prison's inmates to the United States, and can be expected to maintain that position. That should rule out any unilateral move by the administration to close Guantanamo.

There can be no doubt about Mr. Obama's earnest intention to close the Guantanamo prison. As he said Tuesday, "I'm absolutely committed to closing the detention facility at Guantanamo. I'm going to continue to make the case for doing so for as long as I hold this office."

But even the president has to follow the law.

Mr. Obama contended Tuesday that

"Guantanamo Bay does not advance our national security – it undermines it."

But in a world that has given rise to the Islamic State it is hard to credit the argument that the existence of Guantanamo incites terror.

In a recent op-ed column for *The Washington Post*, Gordon England, a former deputy secretary of defense, observed that some of the terrorists who have been released from Guantanamo have returned to the same nefarious activities for which they had been jailed.

"Those who remain had a record of participating in terrorism, financing terrorism or outright leadership of terrorist activity," Mr. England wrote.

Nevertheless, President Obama has taken the position that capturing terrorists, incarcerating them at Guantanamo and interrogating them is a moral stain on the United States.

The president has instead adopted a policy of killing terrorists with drone strikes, despite the broader scope for collateral damage. It remains a question whether this policy is the more effective one.

In a little more than four weeks, Mr. Obama is headed to Cuba for a state visit to the Castro brothers, who may be considered experts in the political use of prisons. As a condition of formal diplomatic recognition of the Cuban regime in 2014, U.S. officials insisted on the release of 53 political prisoners. But the Cuban Commission of Human Rights and Reconciliation last

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year estimated that another 60 long-time prisoners remain in Cuban jails for dissident activity.

In addition, Cuba regularly engages in short-term mass arrests and beatings to suppress human rights demonstrations. It did so during demonstrations last April by the Women in White, again in September during the visit of Pope Francis, and then in December during United Nations Human Rights Day.

If President Obama is concerned about the

moral message from prisons in Cuba, let him call on its government to free all dissidents not convicted of using violence, end the suppression of human rights activists and hold free elections.

And if he's serious about minimizing the terror threat, he should abandon his misguided proposal to bring Guantanamo detainees to any U.S. site – including the Naval Brig in Hanahan.

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South Carolina's auto industry should be in a better position to withstand a coming downcycle in U.S. sales because its biggest player, BMW Manufacturing Co. near Greer, makes vehicles for the luxury market and exports most of them, an industry forecaster said.

That's also true for the Volvo plant announced for Berkeley County, and the Mercedes-Benz plant in Alabama, said Michael Robinet, managing director of auto-industry advisory services for IHS, the market intelligence firm.

Robinet was among the speakers at the downtown Hyatt Thursday for the second day of the South Carolina Automotive Summit.

The summit, hosted annually in Greenville by the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, continues today.

Robinet said he sees U.S. light vehicle sales growing from a record 17.5 million last year to 17.8 million this year and 18.2 million in 2017 but slowing after that as a long upcycle comes to an end.

He noted, however, that the fortunes of South Carolina's BMW plant and its future Volvo plant don't hang on the vagaries of the U.S. market because the cars they make, or will make, are exported and sold in various markets around the globe.

In addition, both plants make, or will make, vehicles for the luxury market, which could hold up even if the mass market turns down.

"It's good to be in luxury and it's good to be exporting. There's no doubt," Robinet

told *The Greenville News*. "You've got additional channels of demand and you're not just dependent on one market."

Another forecaster at the summit warned a ballroom full of executives to get ready for dramatic disruption of their industry as a result of three technology trends — computer-driven vehicles that don't need human drivers, mobility on demand such as that provided by the Uber ride-sharing service and vehicles connected to the Internet.

Gary Silberg, auto sector leader for accounting giant KPMG, said he expects 20-25 percent of today's original equipment makers won't exist, will have merged with other firms or will have undergone dramatic change within a decade as a result of the trends.

"And it's coming fast," Silberg told *The Greenville News*. "These things are happening in front of our eyes."

The trends will also bring business opportunities and "could be awesome for South Carolina," he said.

Also at the summit Thursday, executives with the Manufacturers Alliance talked about a marketing campaign the alliance plans in conjunction with the state Commerce Department to encourage young people to go into manufacturing.

The campaign, called South Carolina Future Makers, will include videos of Gov. Nikki Haley talking to young workers about jobs they landed at some of the

state's premier companies such as BMW, Bridgestone, Boeing and Red Ventures.

The videos will be shown in schools as well as posted to YouTube and on social media platforms, said James Richter, the alliance's marketing director.

Also as part of the campaign, the Manufacturers Alliance is urging its members to make use of a social media platform created by StemPremier, a Mount Pleasant company. The platform enables students, colleges and companies to connect for mutual discovery.

Also speaking at the summit were Jay Rogers, co-founder and chief executive of Local Motors, which makes custom vehicles using new technologies such as 3D printing, and Haley, who told executives the state government would continue to resist labor unions and "make sure the talent pool is strong."

Among the companies showcasing their offerings at the summit was VRWorks Plus, a Greenville firm that provides virtual-reality and augmented-reality technology for use in worker training or designing products or factories.

Melanie Hill, a solutions consultant with the company, said the 3D training programs are similar to video games and appreciated by young people.

"We call it serious gaming," she said.

In a virtual-reality environment, trainees can make mistakes without doing any harm, she said.

"It sure beats a Power Point or losing a finger when you're still learning the names of the parts."

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Viktor Goroshko uses a virtual reality headset at the VR Works Plus booth during the South Carolina Auto Summit in Greenville on Thursday.

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Pastides said the university will add new cours-

es in computer security for its students, internships, and opportunities for research and development work for its faculty.

Pastides said he believed there are thousands of job openings in the state that can be filled through the coursework and training the group will offer in coming years. The effort will also cooperate with the state's Department of Education to instill interest in cybersecurity programs among younger students, he said.

Retired South Carolina National Guard Maj. Gen. Lester Eisner, who worked more than a year to set up the group through the University of South Carolina's Office of Economic Engagement, said the effort will be supported in part by a \$2 million university budget request, course fees and federal grants.

Eisner noted the state's National Guard is tasked with helping defend South Carolina's critical infrastructure.

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Most of the technology companies that made presentations during the opening day of the fifth-annual South Carolina Automotive Summit talked about their technology.

Steve Goyet of EFI Lighting turned off the lights and showed his.

His company weaves light-transmitting fibers into a fabric that shines in the dark and is used for styling in car interiors.

The product, called LIGHTEX, puts a glowing trim on door panels, dashboards, even steering wheels.

It can also make a car's ceiling resemble the nighttime sky with 190 points of light embedded in the headliner fabric.

Goyet, a French engineer, spoke in a heavy accent while touting LIGHTEX to about 25 people packed into a conference room at Michelin's U.S. 1 complex in southern Greenville County.

He is from Lyon, France, but is currently based in Elkmont, Alabama, near Huntsville as he helps EFI Light-

ing, a joint venture of EFI Automotive and Brochier Technologies, penetrate the U.S. market.

In other activity on opening day of the annual summit, a special room was set aside for suppliers to meet representatives of some of the major automotive companies with operations in South Carolina, including JTEKT Corp., Daimler Vans Manufacturing, Honda of South Carolina Manufacturing, Robert Bosch, Continental Tire, Komatsu and BMW Manufacturing.

Among those attending was Adam Schabel, a purchasing executive for Tower International, a Michigan-based auto supplier that's building a new plant in Fountain Inn.

Schabel, who worked for a BMW supplier in Greenville in the 1990s, said he came to the summit to meet vendors as part of his job lining up service suppliers for the factory, which is under construction in the Southchase industrial park along Interstate 385.

"I'm impressed," Schabel said about the summit. "In Michigan, I haven't been to any coordinated events like this" that include representatives from industry, academia and state government.

Also on opening day, attendees rode buses to the nearby South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center, where they jumped into high-performance sports cars for high-speed trips along a test track operated by the International Transportation Innovation Center.

Among the car brands driving on the test track were Tesla, Maserati, Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche and BMW.

The summit, hosted annually in Greenville by the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, continues Thursday and Friday at the downtown Hyatt.

The speakers lineup Thursday includes Gov. Nikki Haley and Jay Rogers, chief executive of Local Motors, a Phoenix-based venture that uses 3D printing technology to make cars.

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Fred Cartwright, executive director of Clemson University's International Center for Automotive Research, hops into a BMW Wednesday for a ride on a test track at the SC Technology and Aviation Center, as part of the SC Automotive Summit.

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For Jeb Bush's campaign, August was a cruel month. Donald Trump's attacks on the former Florida governor as a "low-energy" politician were beginning to stick, and the two were bickering over immigration. The issue before the Bush team was what to do about it.

Some advisers argued for an aggressive response, even to the point of challenging Trump to some kind of one-on-one confrontation. Others resisted, believing Trump's candidacy was unsustainable, while some cautioned against getting "into a pigpen with a pig," as one adviser recalled. Others described it as "trying to wrestle with a stump."

Those summer days crystallized the plight of a campaign that had begun with enormous expectations and extraordinary resources, as the scion of one of America's dynastic political families sought to follow his father and brother to the presidency.

At what would become a crucial moment, Bush's team had no clear strategy for a rival who was beginning to hijack the Republican Party that the Bush family had helped to build, other than to stay the course set

months earlier of telling Bush's story to voters.

"There was no consensus," senior strategist David Kochel said of the discussions about how to combat the threat of

Trump's candidacy. Other campaigns were wrestling with the same problems, but as the front-runner in the polls at the time, Bush would suffer more than the others.

On Saturday night, the candidacy that had begun with such promise ended quietly after a disappointingly weak fourth-place finish in South Carolina.

Ever the gracious realist, Bush announced in his concession speech that he would end his campaign as Trump continued to soar as the GOP front-runner. "I have stood my ground, refusing to bend to the political winds," he said.

Whether Jeb Bush ever had a chance to win the Republican nomination in a campaign year that proved so ill fitting for a rusty politician who preferred policy papers to political combat is a question that will be debated long after the 2016 race has ended.

"Donald Trump channeled the worst fears, frustrations and

anxiety of voters, but he also magnified those same feelings," Sally Bradshaw, Bush's chief strategist and confidant, said on Sunday in an email. "It would be difficult for any solutions-oriented conservative to tackle Trump in this environment, much less one who was seen as having been so much a part of the establishment. He was never going to be an angry guy, and voters wanted angry."

Another key strategist explained what had happened this way on Sunday. "Our theory was to dominate the establishment lane into the actual voting primaries," he said. "That was the strategy, and it did not work. I think it was the right strategy for Jeb. The problem was there was a huge anti-establishment wave. The establishment lane was smaller than we thought it would be. The marketplace was looking for something different, and we'll find out how that ends when we have a nominee."

The result is one of the most startling failures in the modern history of American politics: the fall of the House of Bush. It is a human story about the struggles of one of the most successful former governors in America in

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his bid to become president, like his father and brother, set against the backdrop of one of the strangest political cycles the country has seen in years.

Beyond underestimating the anger in the electorate, three other problems led to Bush's downfall. First, the candidate and his team misjudged the degree of Bush fatigue among Republicans.

Aides said an internal poll conducted last fall showed discouraging news: Roughly two-thirds of voters had issues with Bush's family ties.

Second, Bush and his team miscalculated the role and power of money and traditional television commercials in the 2016 race. During the first six months of 2015, Bush raised more than \$100 million, most of it stockpiled in a super PAC called Right to Rise USA, a strategy that seemed right at the time but came at the cost of not dealing with other pressing needs.

"We didn't use that time to introduce him as a unique brand," said Vin Weber, an outside adviser. "We used it to raise money. I don't want to say they made an obvious and clear mistake, but in retrospect it was a mistake."

Third, Bush ran a campaign that, whether deliberate or not,

was rooted in the past, managed by loyalists who admired Bush and enjoyed his confidence, but who, like the candidate, found themselves in unfamiliar political terrain.

His advisers were persuaded from the start that the more voters learned about what Bush had done as governor of Florida from 1999 to 2007, they would flock to him as their presidential candidate. Bush stubbornly held to that approach — even as evidence mounted that it was out of step with voters.

Doug Gross, a prominent Iowa Republican, recalled meeting with Bush in July 2014 in Kennebunkport, Maine, to talk about the impending campaign. "He definitely wanted to run, he's always had it in him and knew this was his last chance," Gross said. "He was trying to figure out how to do it his own way. I was struck by his obstinate avoidance of any political discussion. ... He wanted to do it his way or no way."

SKIRMISH, THEN TURNING AWAY

In contrast to the doldrums of August 2015, July seemed a glorious time for the Bush team. Early that month, Team Jeb gathered in Kennebunkport to celebrate that the campaign and two allied political committees

had together raised nearly an unprecedented \$120 million. The numbers were made public as nearly 300 major Bush fundraisers assembled to mingle with the Bush family and campaign advisers.

Guests were transported in black-and-red trolleys to Walker's Point, the Bush family compound. The group gathered for a photo with former president George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush.

That evening, Bush touted the team's record fundraising as guests dined on lobster rolls and hamburgers at a luxury resort tucked among a forest of birch groves and balsam fir. "It was incredibly memorable to be there with several generations," said Jay Zeidman, a Houston-based investor who helped raise money from young professionals.

The next day, the donors got briefings from senior Bush aides including Bradshaw, campaign manager Danny Diaz and finance director Heather Larrison. They laid out how the campaign planned to take on contenders such as Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Throughout, there was little mention of Donald Trump.

"None of us thought he would

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last the summer," said one person who was in attendance.

At that moment, however, Trump was already in the process of undermining Bush's candidacy. If Bush had ever gone up against someone like Trump, it didn't show.

Trump was a new and different kind of rival, one given to personal insults rather than policy debates,

who monopolized media coverage and got away with provocative statements that would have sunk normal politicians.

Nothing, however, cut as close to the bone as Trump's claim that Bush was too "low-energy" to serve as president.

The accusation was laughable — until it began to stick. Trump's charge was in fact a proxy for a

different and more difficult argument to combat, that Bush was neither strong or edgy enough for a party seething with anger at the grass roots.

"Nobody tapped into it, for all the polling, all the focus groups," said Theresa Kostorzewa, a North Carolina lobbyist who raised money for the campaign. "The biggest thing they did was miss just how

angry the American electorate was and that Trump would be their Captain Ahab."

Bush's advisers would contest that claim. They could see the anger, they said. The issue was what to do about it. "Donors, political operatives and big thinkers from around the country urged us to ignore Trump for months," Bradshaw said. "There was no

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one in the news media or the operative class at the time who felt Trump would ultimately be a serious contender for the nomination."

At the same time, others feared that engaging Trump was almost beneath Bush and would thrust the candidate into a never-ending game of charge-countercharge. "Jeb should be bigger than this," another aide recalled thinking.

A FLAT-FOOTED IMAGE

Bush's failure to come to terms with one of the downsides of his family name came to a head over a four-day period in May, when he stumbled over the decision by his brother, former president George W. Bush, to go to war in Iraq.

Changing his answer on a daily basis, Bush came across as a flat-footed campaigner clearly uncomfortable

articulating his views on the most critical moment of his brother's presidency. But it highlighted as well the double-edged nature of being a candidate named Bush.

A January Washington Post-ABC News poll showed nearly 6 in 10 Americans held an unfavorable view of Bush. He was the only Republican with a negative favorability rating: 44 percent said they have a favorable impression of the former governor while 50 percent rated him negatively. His rankings grew worse as the campaign progressed.

A fundamental weakness, supporters said, was the lack of a coherent rationale for Bush's candidacy and the failure to make inroads with activists on the right. "At the end of the day, it wasn't clear the name was ever surmountable," said a Bush donor. "If the name

was going to be surmounted, it would have to be because there was a fresh set of ideas."

RETAINING HIS GOOD HUMOR

The final months were difficult for Bush. After a particularly weak performance during a debate in Boulder, Colo., in October in which Rubio appeared to get the better of him, there were suggestions that he might quit the campaign right then.

Reporters who made inquiries about the possibility were brushed off. In the middle of it all, Bush spotted a reporter who was a regular on the trail with him. "Hey — I didn't drop out, did I?" he shouted. "You know, that kind of stuff really gets my juices going. I'm going to win this thing, and when I do — you're going to give me a big hug."

The final indignity in a

campaign that had suffered through many came three days before Saturday's primary, when South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley endorsed Rubio rather than a man she described as a friend and mentor.

When it ended on Saturday night, Bush told saddened supporters, "We put forward details, innovative, conservative plans to address the mounting challenges that we face. Because despite what you might have heard, ideas matter, policy matters."

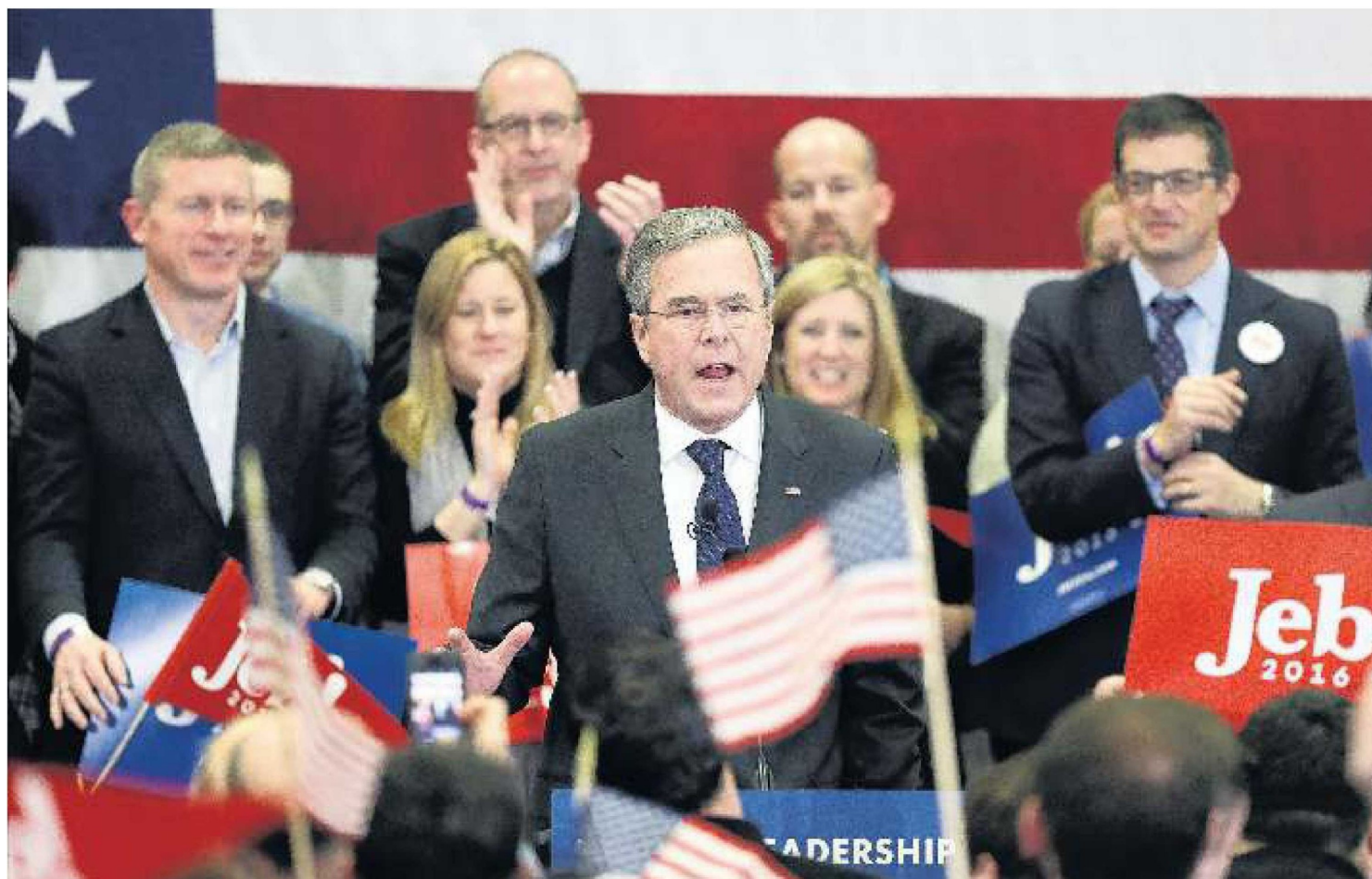
His final remarks as a presidential candidate were a reflection of the campaign he had constructed from the start, one he had built to his unique specifications, which nonetheless proved to be a mismatch for a political environment that had caught him by surprise — and for which he paid a hefty price.



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Supporters of Jeb Bush campaign outside of Eastlan Baptist Church, a polling location in Greenville, on Saturday.

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