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Summerton - ProBrass, a start-up firm specializing in the manufacturing and re-manufacturing of brass rifle cartridge cases, is heading to Clarendon County.

The company has recently acquired the 144,000-square-foot former Federal Mogul auto parts plant located on 47 acres near Scott's Branch High School. The company is investing \$40 million in the facility, machinery and equipment, creating

more than 70 new jobs in Summerton.

At one time, Federal Mogul was the county's leading employer with 300 workers, said George Kosinski, executive director of the Clarendon County Development Board.

"It's going to be a fantastic asset," he said. "It will revitalize the building and be

a shot in the arm for Clarendon County."

ProBrass meets military and Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute standards for both the new and re-manufactured brass cartridge cases for

small arms ammunition. The company plans to sell its products through distributors specializing in consumer ammunition.

"We made the decision to locate in South Carolina because, in the Palmetto State, pro-business is not a bland statement but a hard-core reality," ProBrass co-founder and chief executive Christopher Moe said in a news release. "We've benefited enormously from the rapid response to our needs, round-the-clock assistance in our location search and contin-

uous support."

The state's readySC program will assist with recruiting workers. Hiring will begin next year.

The company will receive job development credits as an incentive.

"Any time a company decides to invest in one of our rural counties, it shows a commitment to our state that we couldn't be more grateful for," Gov. Nikki Haley said in the release.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

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I was inspired and moved by Gov. Nikki Haley's speech at the Jack Kemp Leadership Award event. She spoke so eloquently about the wonderful people of South Carolina and how we came together during hard times. She spoke about our booming economy and our improving educational efforts.

We should all be so proud of the leadership and guidance provided by Gov. Haley and celebrate, encourage and

support her new position as United Nations ambassador. May God bless her

as she moves into her new position.

— Barbara E. Boylston
 Charleston

Graham right to show compassion for immigrants

As a teenager, I spend time in a Central American shantytown on a humanitarian trip. Families lived between metal sheets leaned together. The dirt floors were mud with daily rains. And I experienced something I've never forgotten.

We were serving food, a scoop of rice topped by a spoonful of beans, with a slice of bread. We'd served everyone when I found myself facing a girl about 4 years old who wanted more. And I had to say, "I'm sorry; there's no more," and watch tears overflow her eyes.

My own siblings would turn their

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noses up at this meal; heck, I would too. Yet here was this child in tears because she just wanted a little bit more.

I realized how lucky I was to have been born here in the United States — an act of chance that separated me from this toddler and billions more.

As Sen. Lindsey Graham has faced push back for daring to suggest that maybe, just maybe, we should show compassion in immigration, I've relived that moment time and again.

I'd like to thank Sen. Graham for choosing compassion. It is never the wrong choice, and we could all stand to choose it more often.

— Kayla Cox
 Aiken

Put safety belts on school buses

Last month's school bus crash in Chattanooga that killed six students begs the question of why school buses in our state aren't required to have shoulder harness seat belts.

These children became projectile missiles, and their deaths might have been spared had they been secured in their seats. It doesn't necessarily take a crash for a child to be catapulted into the air. Slamming on the brakes or taking a sharp turn to avoid an accident can launch them as well.

Given all the concern regarding head injuries in football, where helmet-to-helmet contact occurs at much lower speeds, one would think appropriate safety measures on school buses would be of equal or greater importance for our small children.

The signs on our high-

ways read, "Buckle Up ... It's the law in South Carolina." Too bad that law doesn't apply to the buses that carry our children to and from school every day.

I guess we could dress them in football helmets and shoulder pads for their daily commutes.

— James McClellan
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PSC rubber-stamps SCE&G rate increases

It is past time to terminate the Public Service

Commission for its disservice to SCE&G's customers.

Another year and another rubber stamp of SCE&G's proposed rate increase, much of it driven by the huge cost overruns on the two nuclear power plants under construction. A large fraction of our

monthly bills is due to these yearly cost overruns.

The rubber-stamping PSC should be disbanded and replaced with another governmental entity with stronger vetting powers to represent consumer interests and hold SCE&G more accountable for these rate increases.

SCANA, the parent company of SCE&G, recently reported quarterly earnings that increased sharply due to the extended hot weather. This meant that consumers had to dig deeper into their budgets to pay their electric bill.

At least SCANA should use its profits and executive bonuses to offset its cost overruns caused by gross mismanagement of the nuclear plants, which may be online sometime in the 2020s (pick a year).

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Mulvaney joins Gov. Nikki Haley, who is Trump's nominee for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, as a nominee for an influential position that is considered to be just outside the official presidential Cabinet.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Mulvaney's appointment also will set off a special election to fill the 5th District congressional seat, which includes Camden and Sumter and stretches north through Rock Hill to the N.C. border.

In November, Mulvaney

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Republicans were quick to praise Mulvaney's nomination. But S.C. Democratic Party chairman Jaime Harrison urged the Senate to reject Mulvaney's nomination.

"Mick Mulvaney has devoted his congressional career to pushing tax cuts for the rich while leaving Medicare to the whims of the insurance companies and Social Security to the whims of the stock market," Harrison said.

The State staff contributed.



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IT'S NOT AGAINST the law for legislators to try to pass laws that help their business clients, no matter how much those clients pay them.

It ought to be, but it's not.

In most cases, it's not even against the law for legislators to keep those payments secret.

It ought to be, and beginning Jan. 1 it will be, maybe. But it's not illegal now, and like working to pass laws that will benefit those secret clients, it has not been illegal during any of the 15 years former House Republican Leader Jim Merrill is accused in indictments of doing both.

That doesn't mean Mr. Merrill didn't break the law: One of the 30 indictments handed down on Wednesday hints at the sort of evidence that would vault the wrong but legal over into illegality; he could be found guilty on two common-law charges even without convictions on the ethics charges. And it doesn't mean there was anything ethical about the way Mr. Merrill has profited from being a legislator, racking up an impressive list of political consulting clients that stood to benefit, and sometimes did, from official actions he took as a member of the House.

What it means is that unlike the corruption case First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe brought two years ago against then-House Speaker Bobby Harrell, this is not a slam dunk, because

in South Carolina, unethical and illegal are not always synonymous. Regardless of the outcome, Mr. Merrill's case ought to remind us, again, that our anti-corruption laws still need strengthening. Significantly.

Mr. Merrill has said for years that he gets hired to do public relations and political consulting completely unrelated to any actions he takes as a legislator. Lawmakers have always said that to defend profiting from their offices, and they've written the laws in a way that makes it a strong defense.

It's only illegal to do legislative favors for someone who gave a legislator money if there was a clear understanding that the action was taken in return for the money. That's the same quid pro quo linkage that's required to turn a legal campaign donation into an illegal bribe.

So it's perfectly legal for a business to hire a legislator who has no qualifications for a job, and for that legislator to work for legislation to help that business. That's essentially what Gov. Nikki Haley did when she was a House member, and she was never charged with a crime because such arrangements only become illegal if it's clear that what the legislator is being paid for is her legislative work.

Likewise, it's perfectly legal for businesses to keep lawyer-legislators on retainer, and for those legislators to take official actions to help those businesses, as long as there's no quid pro quo. That's what regulated utilities routinely did with powerful legislators for years and years.

There was an effort after Operation Lost Trust to outlaw

keeping legislators on retainer, but it failed. All the Legislature was willing to do was require lawmakers to report income they receive from lobbyists and

the entities that hire them, called lobbyist principals. The idea was that people wouldn't make questionable payments if we could see them.

That's one of the laws Mr. Merrill is accused of violating, on 10 occasions. But the indictments all say Mr. Merrill failed to report money he received from a particular lobbyist principal "*or its affiliates*." And we know from news articles going back several years that in at least some cases, it was affiliates that paid Mr. Merrill.

Clearly, legislators should have to report money from affiliates of lobbyist principals — the political action committee of the S.C. Manufacturers Alliance, as one example. But unless Mr. Pascoe can convince a court to reinterpret the very clear state law to mean something it doesn't say — something the Legislature has repeatedly refused to change it to say — it's hard to see a crime here.

One indictment says that 11 days after participating in a Dec. 29, 2008, conference call with the S.C. Association of Realtors "in which he solicited funding for assistance regarding the 'point of sale' property tax reform" legislation, Mr. Merrill introduced that legislation; it says he was paid \$211,925 in return for that and other "lobbying" work.

If Mr. Pascoe has the evidence to back that claim (and one presumes he must), and if

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quid pro quo. But the other eight indictments for accepting payments in return for legislative favors lack such detail: They simply say he received this amount of money and took this action, without even hinting at

the necessary linkage.

None of this may matter in terms of Mr. Merrill's fate, since he's also charged with two counts of misconduct of office — a breathtakingly broad charge that can include actions that are unethical but not covered in the ethics law.

But the purpose of ethics laws isn't just to convict wrongdoers.

It's to spell out appropriate behavior, to draw clear lines, in hopes of preventing public officials from slipping over those lines and into illegality. And we're still far short of having the laws that can do that.

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South Carolina's U.S. Republican senators, Lindsey Graham and Tim

Scott, as well as U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson quickly praised the nomination. Scott called Mulvaney "a great choice to lead the OMB."

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Mulvaney attended UNC Chapel Hill's law school and practiced law in his own firm, then ran a family real estate business, started a small homebuilding company, and then owned and operated his own restaurant.

The director will help Trump prepare his annual proposed budget, which could be crucial to his policy initiatives, such as the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The duties also include ensuring government agencies follow the president's programs and policies. Trump had reportedly also considered Goldman Sachs President Gary Cohn.

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OUR VIEW

Too few women serve in Legislature

By The Herald Editorial Board

South Carolina now has a record number of women in its state Senate. In fact, the number doubled during the recent elections.

But despite those dramatic-sounding gains, the number of women in the state Senate still totals only four.

Women hold just 14.7 percent of the 170 seats in the Legislature, far below the national average of 24.4 percent. The state ranks 22nd in the nation for gender parity in elected offices.

At least that is some improvement from its 46th-place ranking in 1993.

Until this year's election, only one woman, Lexington Republican Katrina Shealy, elected in 2012, had occupied a seat in the Senate. The number grew to two last fall when Margie Bright Matthews, D-Colleton, won a spacial election to replace Sen. Clementa Pinckney, who was killed in the massacre at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church in June 2015.

Two more women were elected to the Senate last month: former state Rep. Mia McLeod, D-Richland, and Charleston attorney Sandy Senn, a Republican.

This is touted as progress – and, of course, it is. The question is, in light of the increasing leadership role of women in all walks of life in the U.S. and around the world, is it progress worth shouting about.

Consider the fact that it has been 100 years since women gained the right to vote. Consider also that women make up 51.4 percent of South Carolina's population.

We should have more women in both houses of the state Legislature.

Despite the election of Nikki Haley, the state's

first woman governor, the advance of women in state politics has been painfully slow. Before Shealy, only 10 women had ever been elected to the 46-member state Senate. And before Shealy, Linda Short, a Chester Democrat, was the only woman in the state Senate until she retired in 2008.

One reason cited for so few women office-holders is the fact that women still are responsible for most of the child-rearing and household tasks. But even if domestic chores discourage some women from running for office, that leaves a significant pool of women who are both qualified and willing to run.

The question is why not only are there are so few women in the Legislature but also why there are so few women candidates on the ballot. Only five women have won election to statewide office.

Another five have won seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, but four of those women were widows of congressmen, urged to finish their deceased husbands' terms. The state has not sent a woman to Congress since 1990.

This reflects a larger problem, the lack of a network of powerful women who can nurture younger women to run for office. It reflects the lack of money flowing to potential women candidates, and the lack of effort on the part of both political parties to recruit women candidates to run.

The S.C. Legislature still is a heavily male-dominated institution. If that is to change – if the state is to stop squandering the talents of half its population – more women need to step up to run for office and encourage others to join them.

The ascension of four women to the state Senate might be historic, but it's far from enough.

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Mulvaney to be named to Trump's Cabinet, official says

■ President-elect Donald Trump is expected to announce his decision Monday, setting up a special election for the 5th Congressional District seat.

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President-elect Donald Trump will nominate U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, to be director of the Office of Management and Budget, according to a senior transition official who has knowledge of the appointment but is not authorized to speak publicly.

The announcement is expected to be made by statement Monday. Mulvaney would have to be confirmed by the Senate.

If confirmed, Mulvaney would be just the latest official in Trump's inner circle with S.C. ties.

Gov. Nikki Haley has been nominated to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-Charleston, and U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, recently were named as advisers to Trump's

transition team.

Mulvaney had expressed an interest in running OMB when asked by a constituent on Facebook Oct. 19 where he would like to serve in a hypothetical Trump Cabinet.

"I would love to be the director of OMB," he wrote. "That is where I think REAL improvements could be made in how the government is run."

A fiscal conservative, Mulvaney is a co-founder of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, a group of about 40 lawmakers that helped push House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio to resign, and a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

Mulvaney was not an early Trump backer during the presidential campaign. He initially supported U.S. Sen. Rand Paul,

R-Ky. for the Republican nomination. Mulvaney endorsed Trump in June, hours after House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. did the same.

SPECIAL ELECTION?

Mulvaney, who has represented South Carolina's 5th District since 2011, won reelection in November after being challenged by Fran Person of Tega Cay, a former aide to Vice President Joe Biden.

If Mulvaney is confirmed, a special election will have to be held to fill his congressional seat in a district that favors Republicans.

State Rep. Ralph Norman, R-Rock Hill, said Friday he

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would run if a vacancy occurs. Norman ran for the seat in 2006, losing to then-U.S. Rep. John Spratt, a Democrat.

"This seat will be hotly contested and that's a good thing," Norman said, adding that gives voters a choice.

Other possible GOP candidates include former S.C. GOP chair Chad

Connelly, and York County state Reps. Tommy Pope and Gary Simrill.

Connelly said Friday he has received calls from across the district, asking him to run. "We'll make a decision after Christmas."

S.C. House Speaker Pro Tempore Pope of York seemed less inclined to run, saying his focus continues to be on how he

best can serve in South Carolina. "I do not anticipate that the Pope family would be going to Washington."

Simrill said he has been encouraged by many to run. "My family and I will be discussing this opportunity to determine where I can best serve the South Carolina citizens."

On the Democratic side,

Person and state Rep. John King of Rock Hill said they are considering running. Person, who lost to Mulvaney by 20 points in November, said he would begin to seriously consider running again after Christmas.

A spokesman for state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, another potential candidate, said the Kershaw

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County Democrat "is happy serving as a S.C. state senator." But, he added, Sheheen "will take some time to think things over the next few weeks."

A JOB FOR POLICY WORKS

Mulvaney traveled to Trump Tower in New York to meet with Trump last week. At the time, transition spokesman Jason Miller described Mulvaney as having "a very proven track record as a fiscal conservative and a government reformer."

Mulvaney declined to comment after the meeting. His office did not respond Friday.

The OMB chief, often shorthanded as the budget director, will help Trump prepare his annual pro-

posed budget. That could be crucial to Trump's policy initiatives, such as the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

The budget director and the Office of Management and Budget also measure the performance of federal agencies. They also help set and enforce policies and practices governing the government's purchase of goods and services, called procurement. On a more mundane level, the office also oversees the performance review process for agencies and federal employees.

The job tends to be held by policy wonks, but some do gain fame or notoriety.

Ronald Reagan's budget chief David Stockman was an advocate for what became known as Reaga-

nomics and remains a public figure decades later. Like Mulvaney, Stockman was a congressman before becoming budget director.

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, whose views on cutting government spending are similar to Mulvaney's, left the U.S. House before taking the budget director's job under President George W. Bush. He later was elected to the Senate.

Leon Panetta, who ran OMB under President Bill Clinton, also had been a member of the House before accepting the position. He then was Clinton's chief of staff and later, under President Barack Obama, CIA director and secretary of defense.

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U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney in a Facebook post before the election



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