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GREENVILLE (AP) — A Richland County man is suing to block the resettlement of refugees in South Carolina.

The Greenville News reports the lawsuit was brought by Walter Brian Bilbro who warns resettling refugees brings the potential for terrorism or violent crime.

The suit names Gov. Nikki Haley, the Department of Social Services and two nonprofits that help resettle refugees.

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Trump critics harden hearts of supporters

One poll after another shows billionaire Donald Trump leaving South Carolina with a victory in Saturday's Republican presidential primary. Late developments seem to assure the result.

Trump's appeal to 30 percent and more of the GOP primary electorate is being helped by his critics:

- President Barack Obama saying Trump is not a person who should hold the nation's highest office.
- Opponent Ted Cruz challenging Trump to a courtroom showdown.
- Popular S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley criticizing him and endorsing opponent Marco Rubio.
- Pope Francis questioning Trump's Christianity.

Always a target of Trump and the GOP field, the president only serves to strengthen the opposition with his criticism. And he singled out Trump.

"Being president is a serious job," Obama said. "It's not hosting a talk show or a reality show. It's not promotion. It's not marketing. It's hard. And a lot of people count on us getting it right. And it's not a matter of pandering and doing whatever will get you in the news on a given day."

Obama acknowledged the other contenders, but said further,

Trump "says in more interesting ways what the other candidates are saying as well."

Our view

Challenge for Trump will be to grow support beyond present level

Cruz, hoping to get out of South Carolina with second place, now states he knew the cordial relationship he had with Trump, both positioning themselves as outsiders and anti-establishment, would come to an end sooner or later. It has, with Trump threatening to sue Cruz over political ads. Inviting Trump to do just that, Cruz goes so far as to say he would like to cross examine Trump in a courtroom.

All this comes after Cruz has consistently begun painting Trump as a candidate who is "losing it" with his fiery retorts and outright disrespect of other candidates and anyone who criticizes him. Trump supporters love it.

Haley's endorsement of Rubio was no shock, though Jeb Bush surely hoped the governor would join U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham at his side.

As far back as her response to Obama's State of the Union, Haley made clear she would not support divisiveness, referencing Trump in every way but by name.

Of course, then and now, Trump fired back at the governor, calling

her weak in dealings with the federal government and her endorsement of no particular consequence.

The 30-plus percent of voters backing Trump already knew Haley was not going to support him. As much as the governor was elected in 2010 as anti-establishment, she is now the establishment. She may sway votes that would have gone to Bush, John Kasich or even Cruz, but not those for Trump.

And then there is Pope Francis. With Trump having begun his surge to national prominence in the GOP race with a controversial stand on immigration, the Catholic leader did him a favor by calling attention to Trump in the most high profile of ways.

In the wake of Francis' visit to Mexico, he on Thursday said Trump is "not Christian" if he wants to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border. "A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not Christian. This is not in the gospel."

Never mind that all other GOP contenders in one form or another have promised to control immigration with an actual wall or its enforcement equivalent, the pope singled out Trump.

Why? Because Trump is the one who speaks boldly about the matter. After years of hearing politicians promise to deal with illegal immigration, Trump supporters have faith his tough talk will be more than words.

Trump's response to the pope: "For a religious leader to question a person's faith is disgraceful. I am proud to be a Christian and as president I will not allow Christianity to be consistently attacked and weakened."

So Trump marches on toward what is likely to be a long campaign. While the temptation is to say he will self-destruct as a candidate, no foe any longer should be confident of such.

As long as Trump continues to attract those who believe he would be a strong president unafraid to take on anyone and anything, he is likely to hold the roughly one-third of GOP primary voters in his corner.

As long as the field of GOP candidates remains large enough to continue splintering the vote, the challenge for Trump will be to grow his support beyond 30-plus percent. As difficult as that may be, many Trump critics only seem to help by making him and his positions the focal point of the campaign.

Even people who disapprove of Trump's demeanor and his mouth are being swayed by his outright rejection of conventional political behavior. His critics only harden the hearts of Trump supporters.



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Perry: Cruz shaking up political class

Candidate represents
vets, evangelicals,
ex-Texas gov. says

PRINCESS B. WILLIAMS

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ST. MATTHEWS — Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry says U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz went to Washington to shake up the political class, not join it.

“He is a courageous leader who went to Washington, D.C. to break up the Washington cabal. He went to Washington and did exactly what he said he was going to do,” Perry said.

Perry and former U.S. Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire campaigned for Cruz in Calhoun

County on Wednesday. Perry was running for the Republican nomination for president, but dropped out and endorsed Cruz.

The Republican presidential primary is Saturday.

During a small meet and greet at the Town and Country restaurant in St. Matthews, Perry talked about his time as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. He said checklists play a major role in keeping pilots and their passengers safe.

“I would not want to get on an airliner if the captain and the co-pilot had not properly used their checklist,” he said.

Cruz has two checklists that he uses in his life: the Bible and

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the U.S. Constitution, Perry said.

"I'm very supportive of him because he is a disciplined, strict constitutionalist who will lead our country with his eye always on the Bible and the United States Constitution," he said.

The former governor says he knows Cruz, a Texas senator, very well. Cruz has a passion about veterans, Perry said.

Cruz "will focus the efforts of the federal government appropriately to take care of our veterans. He will devolve power back to the states from today — a centralized

government in Washington, D.C.," Perry said.

He says Cruz will also respect the Tenth Amendment, which defines the relationship between the states and federal government.

"I'm not sure that if you ask Donald Trump what the Tenth Amendment is today, if he could tell you," Perry said.

The rise of Trump represents the anger of the American people against Washington, D.C., Perry continued.

"Donald Trump is totally a response to Americans' anger with the political class in Washington, D.C.," Perry said.

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley endorsed Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio, a U.S. senator from Florida, on Wednesday.

"Everybody has to make a decision. I know that Ted Cruz is the individual who best reflects the evangelical and veteran base in South Carolina," Perry said.

Smith said, "I feel our country is in deep trouble right now, and we can't afford to make a mistake."

He refers to Cruz as a consistent, dependable conservative.

Following the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, "I want to know that we're going to get someone

nominated in that type of conservative. I want to be sure. I'm not sure with the other presidential candidates," Smith said.

Smith says Cruz will focus on repealing Obamacare, restoring the values America was founded on and strengthening the military.

"The military is asked to do too much with too little," Smith said. "They have their hands tied behind their back in a sense of they can't do what they want to do: to win the fight."

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Carson, Perry in Orangeburg

Dr. Ben Carson will bring his campaign to become the Republican nominee for president to Orangeburg on Thursday.

Carson will speak to students at Garden City Preparatory Academy at 10 a.m. Thursday. The school is located at 908 Willington Drive.

Carson will address the public at Trinity Presbyterian Church, across the street from Garden City Prep, at 975 Willington Drive at about 10:30 a.m.

At noon, he will hold a "Bridging the Gap" town hall meeting at South Carolina State University. The event will be held in the auditorium of the Engineering and Computer Science Complex.

Carson will appear with Super Bowl champion and Rock Hill native Benjamin Watson and South Carolina GOP Chairman Matt Moore.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry will return to the area on Wednesday. He will stump for Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz at Dukes Bar-B-Q at 789 Chestnut Street beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The political stops are open to the public

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Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during his Wednesday stop at Town and Country Restaurant in St. Matthews. Perry was in the area stumping for Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz.



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Haley endorses Rubio's presidential bid

S.C. governor
calls Fla. senator a
compassionate fighter

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has endorsed Marco Rubio, three days ahead of Saturday's first-in-the-South Republican presidential primary.

Haley introduced the Florida senator at an event Wednesday night in Lexington County, saying he's a compassionate fighter who will "show my parents the best decision they ever made for their children was coming to America."

Haley is the South Carolina-born daughter of Indian immigrants and, at 44, the nation's youngest governor.

"She embodies everything I want the Republican Party to be about," Rubio said. He noted he and Haley share the backgrounds of many other Americans, as his parents immigrated from Cuba.

"First and foremost, as a mom who wants her children to be safe in this country, who wants her children to have the education and opportunity," Haley said in explaining her choice to several hundred people gathered for the event outside a warehouse in Chapin.

"I want a president who's going to have the back of our

military veterans and those in active duty. I want a president who knows when we fight wars, we win wars," said Haley, whose husband Michael Haley is an officer in the Army National Guard who served in Afghanistan in 2013. "I want a president who understands we have to stop the federal mandates pushed on states like Obamacare and the EPA."

She was also critical of Republicans in Washington, saying the next president must "bring a conscience back" to the GOP on balanced budgets, cutting debt

and building reserves.

Haley's endorsement was considered the most coveted among South Carolina politicians. She joins U.S. Sen. Tim Scott and Rep. Trey Gowdy in endorsing Rubio. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham endorsed Jeb Bush after leaving the crowded Republican presidential field himself.

Speculation that Haley, the state's first female and first minority governor, could be a potential GOP running mate

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Haley

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increased after she gave the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address last month.

While introducing Rubio, Haley thanked other "good people in this race," without naming them.

Haley said just Tuesday

that, despite the "nonstop" phone calls seeking her backing, she was still trying to decide and may not endorse this cycle.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a Haley ally, has endorsed Donald Trump, but Haley has been critical of the New York billionaire for the past month. On Tuesday, Haley said Trump represents "everything a governor doesn't want in a president."

Haley endorsed Mitt Romney a month before South Carolina's 2012 presidential primary and campaigned with him. Romney lost to Newt Gingrich, breaking the state's three-decade tradition of backing the party's eventual nominee.

Romney had backed Haley's first run for governor in 2010, when she was still the longshot candidate in a four-way GOP primary. Jeb Bush supported both of her gubernatorial contests.

The former Florida governor campaigned with Haley a month before she easily won a second term in 2014. At the time, Haley thanked Bush for helping her win the job in 2010, his assistance in putting together a transition team ahead of taking office and his advice since.

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. speaks during a campaign stop Tuesday in Summerville.



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'Establishment' still matters -- to a point

South Carolina Republicans are proud of the history of their presidential primary. In all but the most recent voting in 2012, the state has sent a candidate on his way to the nomination via a victory.

The primary here is a modern phenomenon, as is the prominence of the Republican Party. When the GOP launched its preference vote in 1980, it remained a decidedly minority party despite the historic election of the first Republican as governor in modern times, Dr. James B. Edwards in 1974.

But 1980 was a good year to gain a higher profile for a party trying to build on blocks laid by Strom Thurmond's jump to the GOP and strategists such as Lee Atwater (and Harry Dent of St. Matthews before him) at work strengthening the national presence of Republicans in the South.

Ronald Reagan won the first South Carolina primary over presumed favorite former Texas Gov. John Connally and never looked back on his way to unseating incumbent president Jimmy Carter, the last Democrat to carry the state in a presidential election. That was in 1976.

When Reagan completed a second term, his vice president, George H.W. Bush became the presumed favorite but faced a strong challenge from Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, evangelist Pat Robertson and noted Rep. Jack Kemp. But by that time Republican Carroll Campbell was in the Governor's Mansion.

With the help of the growing GOP establishment here, Bush won and went on to become president, establishing a pattern of GOP leadership here consolidating behind a winner. Four years later, again with the backing of Campbell and GOP leaders, Bush turned back Pat Buchanan and went on to the nomination.

In 1996, Dole got his turn as the establishment candidate and he, too, defeated Buchanan en route to the nomination and a general election loss to Democrat Bill Clinton.

In 2000, another Bush, George W., used South Carolina as the springboard to defeating John McCain. Bush had the backing of GOP leadership.

Eight years later, it was McCain's turn to get establishment support, defeating a list of contenders that included Mike Huckabee, Fred

Thompson and Mitt Romney. McCain became the nominee but lost to Democrat Barack Obama in the general election.

South Carolina ended its perfect record in 2012 when the state's Republicans backed Georgian New Gingrich over eventual nominee Mitt Romney.

Polls indicate the state will go against the grain again in Saturday's primary. Billionaire Donald Trump is the favorite. Texas Sen.

Ted Cruz is considered a contender for strong backing by evangelicals. Sen. Marco Rubio and another Bush, Jeb, the former Florida governor, have divided the loyalties of the S.C. establishment, at least as defined by elected officials.

Sen. Tim Scott supports Rubio, as does Congressman Trey Gowdy. Senior Sen. and former presidential candidate Lindsey Graham is with Bush. In a year with so many uncertainties, many Republicans are not announcing a choice. The most notable is Gov. Nikki Haley, whose support would be considered the biggest catch for a GOP contender. The only certainty with Haley is lack of support for Trump, who she criticized in every way but by name in her State of the Union GOP response and who has been a target of direct Trump attacks.

As to what will happen, author Harry Lee Poe has a new book about the 1974 gubernatorial race in South Carolina, "Total Commitment: A Memoir of When South Carolina Elected a Republican Governor." He says that campaign is "the only frame of reference for understanding the climate of the 2016 presidential race."

Poe, the 23-year-old finance director of the S.C. Republican Party in 1974, details how a disgruntled Democratic establishment fought its own battle with an insurgent candidate (Charles "Pug" Ravenel) and managed to undo him with a residency challenge. "The solidly Democratic state was so angry with the party establishment that they did the unthinkable — vote for a Republican."

But Republicans had already also done something that was not expected, rejecting Gen. William Westmoreland in favor of Edwards.

Not to be forgotten, however, is that Edwards was no insurgent. He had a long history with the state's GOP and Westmoreland did not. Edwards, in effect, was the "establishment."

As to how the establishment's record of success plays out Saturday, consider that anger at GOP leadership in South Carolina is less a factor than wholesale voter disdain in 1974. This time, South Carolinians' penchant for disliking Washington, magnified by an overall rejection of politics as usual, is key a factor.

An expected record turnout will include many who call themselves independents and others who have never voted before. Couple them with a lot of traditional Republicans who will split "establishment" support and the outcome is unlikely to be the bellwether that some forecast.

Our view

GOP primary history will be a tough repeat in 2016

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Parenting help provided by new expansion

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COLUMBIA — More of South Carolina's poor mothers-to-be will get parenting help at home through a \$30 million public-private partnership that aims to reduce pre-term births and child hospital-

izations.

Gov. Nikki Haley joined other state and nonprofit officials Tuesday to announce the state's collaboration with nonprofits to expand the number of families helped through the Nurse-Family Partnership.

Haley says the program

will put babies and their mothers on a successful path, while reducing state costs.

More than 1,200 families in South Carolina now receive intervention in the program that pairs registered nurses with first-time mothers on Medicaid. The

nurses make home visits from a mother's pregnancy through the child's second birthday.

The announcement means 3,200 additional mothers will receive help over the next four years. South Carolina ranks fifth-worst in child poverty.

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Governor Haley criticizes Trump

COLUMBIA (AP) — refugees and Guantanamo detainees.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says she may not endorse anyone ahead of Saturday's first-in-the-South GOP primary, but if she does, it certainly won't be Donald Trump.

Haley said Tuesday she's still trying to make up her mind. But she said Trump represents "everything a governor doesn't want in a president."

On Monday, Trump said Haley's not fighting the federal government hard enough on Syrian

Haley says Trump doesn't know what he's talking about. She says governors want a president who will work with and fight for them, not come into their state and bash them. She called Trump's comments "quite Obama-like."

Haley also said she was embarrassed for her daughter's sake at Saturday's debate, when Trump criticized former President George W. Bush's handling of 9/11.

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Who to watch as Senate begins debating roads

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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's Senate promises an extensive debate, starting Wednesday, on how to get more money to the state's roads and highways.

On Tuesday, Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman told members of the chamber to get to the Statehouse two hours early Wednesday for a session that could go well into the evening.

The proposal getting the most attention in the Senate would raise the gas tax by 12 cents a gallon over three years and increase or add some other fees. In five years, an estimated \$723 million extra would be put into roads yearly to repave pothole filled interstates and roads, repair aging bridges and expand some highways. But plenty of amendments changing those figures are likely from Republicans who don't want to raise a lot of taxes and Democrats leery about widespread tax cuts.

Another big issue: Who gets to run the South Carolina Department of Transportation? Some conservatives oppose a plan to have the

directors of 10 regional government councils each pick three candidates for the DOT board to send to the governor to make the final choice. Gov. Nikki Haley wants more power over who is appointed to the board at the roads agency. Legislators currently pick seven members, with the governor choosing the eighth.

Here are people to watch as the roads debate begins in earnest:

Ray Cleary and Joel Lourie

Cleary, a Republican from Murrells Inlet, and Lourie, a Democrat from Columbia, are the lawmakers trying to pull together a compromise. They volunteered in part because they aren't running for re-election this year and feel they can herd the Senate to make what could be some unpopular decisions on raising and cutting taxes.

Tom Davis

Davis filibustered the roads bill last year and is the most vocal critic of how the DOT spends its money.

The Republican from Beaufort hasn't ruled out voting for a gas tax increase, but is demanding reform at both the DOT and the State Infrastructure Bank, which pays for larger projects without the same kind of ranking process lawmakers require of the DOT.

Davis suggested last week that lawmakers use extra revenue to spend \$65 million immediately and get almost all the pavement on existing interstates up to good condition, so they can take more time to get a roads funding bill right.

"When you swallow an elephant, you do it a little at a time," Davis said.

Nikki Setzler

As Senate Minority leader, Setzler answers to Democratic members who want good roads, but aren't sure South Carolina needs to be cutting taxes when it's under a court order to come up with a plan to improve poorer school districts, and with a state employee workforce that's only received small raises in the past eight years.

The West Columbia Democrat also thinks improving South Carolina's interstates is the key to keeping the state growing.

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Annual Governor's Tourism Conference opening in Charleston

CHARLESTON (AP) — Nature tourism, culinary tourism and sports tourism are among the topics being discussed this week at the South Carolina Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel.

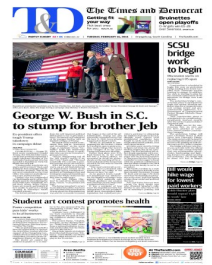
The event opened Monday in downtown Charleston and will continue through Wednesday. Tourism leaders and business people from across the state attend the meeting held an-

nually at the beginning of the spring tourism season.

Tourism is an \$18 billion industry in South Carolina.

On Wednesday, Duane Parrish, the director of the state Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Recreation will provide an overview of tourism in the state as a new season approaches.

Gov. Nikki Haley will also speak, and tourism honors will be awarded.



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Bill would hike wage for lowest paid workers

Cobb-Hunter plan would repeal 'right to work' law

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COLUMBIA — Proposals to raise the minimum wage in South Carolina and repeal an anti-union law have virtually no chance of passing in the Republican-dominated Legislature, but

Democrats hope to spark a debate as the nation's attention turns to the first-in-the-South primary state.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, who sponsored

both bills, said it's time to discuss living wages in a state that ranks 46th in child poverty, 48th in per capita income and last in union membership.

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"We keep hearing all these glowing numbers about how great things are," she said of jobs touted by GOP Gov. Nikki Haley. "Yet we get reports that show we're ranking in the bottom. ... I don't see why we can't at least start talking about the reality of what it means to work in South Carolina on one hand and still be eligible for assistance on the other."

Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg, held a news conference on the bills last week after a House panel officially adjourned debate on both. A second hearing is not expected.

One bill would set the state's minimum wage at \$10.10 an hour. South Carolina is among 21 states where em-

ployers can pay as low as \$7.25 an hour, the federal minimum since 2009.

Proponents call \$10.10 a start. That's the minimal pay for federal contractors, as per President Barack Obama's 2014 executive order.

"We'll continue to fight for \$15" an hour, said Rachel Nelson of Charleston, who makes \$9 an hour at Hardee's after 10 years as a fast food worker.

The mother of three children, ages 8 to 12, told the House panel she'd like to get off of public assistance, but her paychecks make it impossible.

"With my last check, I was only able to pay my light bill," Nelson said. "Trying to keep a roof over our heads is a constant stresser in my life."

More than 2,600 state employees make less than \$10.10 an hour, or about 4 percent of the state-paid workforce. Just over half of those employees are considered temporary, according to the Department of Administration. It noted the numbers could be higher since public colleges aren't required to send the agency data on temporary workers.

Rep. Todd Atwater, who sits on the subcommittee, contends raising the minimum wage is bad for the economy because it increases products' cost and eliminates entry-level jobs often filled by high school and college students.

"It hurts the workers they're trying to help," said Atwater, R-Lexington.

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