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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: S.C. Senate puts brakes on ethics reform effort

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140605/PC1603/140609570/1382&source=spreed>

Jeremy Borden

An S.C. state senator running for Congress put the brakes Thursday on a bill that would have set up new ethics rules governing the state's lawmakers. The General Assembly was on the cusp of passing its first attempt at ethics reform in 20 years when Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, said that senators should wait to vote on the measure so lawmakers could go through the bill.

Note: Some senators said a delay was also necessary to gauge whether Haley would veto the bill. Haley answered them on Twitter and Facebook: "...as to whether I support it. Yes I do. So any senators using me as an excuse should sit down, pass the bill, and I will sign it."

The State: Ethics reform held up by Senate on last day of regular session

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/05/3489978/ethics-reform-held-up-by-senate.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

The Senate did not take action on ethics reform on the last day of session Thursday, but that doesn't mean the bill is dead yet. Senators can take it up again when they return on June 17 to take up the governor's budget vetoes.

Note: Some senators, including Bright, said they thought Gov. Nikki Haley would veto the bill. But in a Facebook post she said she supports the measure.

Note: "The Senate is debating whether they should pass a bill that would require them to disclose their income, and there seems to be some confusion as to whether I support it," she wrote. "Yes, I do. So any senators using me as an excuse should sit down, pass the bill, and I will sign it."

Associated Press: New laws grow craft breweries, allow CBD oil

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=r9oT5bur

Seanna Adcox

Bills becoming law in the Legislature's final days include those that allow epileptic patients to legally possess oil derived from marijuana, grow South Carolina's craft brewery business, and make barbecue the state's official picnic food.

Note: The Legislature will wrap up its work after Gov. Nikki Haley issues her line-item budget vetoes next week. Haley signed nearly 60 bills into law earlier this week.

WSAV: Cannabis Bill Becomes Law in SC

<http://www.wsav.com/story/25702469/cannabis-bill-becomes-law-in-sc>

Brittany Shane

Good news for the thousands of people living with epilepsy in the South Carolina as a bill legalizing treatment in the form of cannabis oil, becomes law. Harriett Hilton of Beaufort has been pushing for this bill since the beginning of the year--and now its come full-circle as governor Nikki Haley made it legal to prescribe and use cannabis oil.

Lt. Governor News:

Associated Press: McConnell: I won't leave the state in a crisis

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WFyLuc40

Seanna Adcox

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell says he'll hold off on resigning to ensure that bills can reach Gov. Nikki Haley's

desk, but he insists someone must step into his role when he leaves. McConnell had planned to resign Thursday, but he decided to stay so as not to create a constitutional crisis.

The State: Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell delays resignation

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/05/3489447/lt-gov-glenn-mcconnell-delays.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/>

Andrew Shain

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell said Thursday that he will stay in office until all bills from the current legislative session are ratified. McConnell had planned to step down Thursday, the final regular day of the session, to start work as president of the College of Charleston.

Note: McConnell and Republican Gov. Nikki Haley insist the lieutenant governor's office should not go unfilled, even though it has remained vacant for lengthy periods six times since 1879.

The State: Democrat considers becoming SC Lt. Gov. in GOP-dominated state

[http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/05/3489797/williamsburg-senator-considers.html?](http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/05/3489797/williamsburg-senator-considers.html?sp=/99/132/312/169/#storylink=cpy)

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Andrew Shain

State Sen. Yancey McGill said Thursday that he is considering a run for a leadership post that could land the Williamsburg Democrat in the lieutenant governor's office. Two other senators believed to be weighing runs for the post -- Sen. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, and Sen. Marlon Kimpson, D-Charleston, -- said they are taking a pass.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Lindsey Graham airing last ad of the primary season

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140605/PC1603/140609575/1382&source=spreed>

Schuyler Kropf

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham is airing his final television and radio ads of the primary campaign, wrapping up issues he's raised over the last three months of the campaign. The ads are part of a six-figure statewide ad campaign running on television radio, and digital platforms, his campaign said.

Post and Courier: Five state lawmakers endorse Childs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140605/PC1603/140609554/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

The group of lawmakers who support Meka Childs for Superintendent of Education grew on Thursday, with five announcing their support for her in the race. Sen. Mike Fair, R-Greenville, and Reps. Phil Owens, R-Easley; Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, Joshua Putnam, R-Piedmont; and Kirkman Finlay, R-Columbia announced their support on Thursday for Childs.

Post and Courier: Several lawmakers endorse Spearman in schools chief race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140605/PC1603/140609573/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

With the primary elections just a few days away, Superintendent of Education candidate Molly Spearman nabbed a series of endorsement from several state lawmakers.

Anderson Independent: Three vie for seat vacated by Owens; incumbent Hiott faces challenge

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/jun/05/three-vie-for-seat-vacated-by-owens-incumbent/?partner=RSS>

Vince Jackson

Republican primaries Tuesday will include races for two South Carolina House seats that cover parts of Pickens County. Three candidates will seek to fill the state House District 5 seat to represent the Easley and Liberty areas. Rick Tate, Neal Collins and Harley Staton each says he is the best candidate to fill the position vacated by Rep. Phil Owens.

Legislative Session News:

Associated Press: South Carolina House passes ethics reform bill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7fpHsl2l

Andrew Coffman Smith

South Carolina's state House has passed an ethics reform bill that no longer includes an independent

oversight committee. Lawmakers on Thursday voted 101-12 to approve a compromise reached in a joint House and Senate conference committee.

Post and Courier: University of Charleston bill to be discussed as early as Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140605/PC1603/140609569/1382&source=spreed>

Cynthia Roldan

The House and Senate have appointed members tasked with hashing out the differences in a bill that would have established the Lowcountry's first comprehensive research university. The bill that would create an expanded University of Charleston and fulfill a decades-long goal of establishing a comprehensive research university in the area is attached to another related matter.

The State: Babcock building tax break dies in S.C. House

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/06/05/3489669/babcock-building-tax-break-dies.html#storylink=cpy>

Efforts to sweeten a state tax break to help renovate the historic Babcock building died in the S.C. House this week. The proposal would have allowed a developer who plans to convert the dilapidated structure into a hotel and conference center to get \$26.6 million in income tax credits over two years after construction.

Local News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Faurecia closing Spartanburg County plant; 150 workers affected

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140605/ARTICLES/140609768/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Faurecia-closing-Spartanburg-County-plant-150-workers-affected>

Trevor Anderson

A BMW supplier said Thursday it plans to shutter its Spartanburg County plant by the end of the year. Faurecia, headquartered in Nanterre, France, will cease production at its emission control technologies (exhaust systems) plant at 2651 New Cut Road by November.

National News:

New York Times: Bergdahl Case Shakes Democrats' Confidence in Administration

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/06/world/asia/bowe-bergdahl-case-shakes-democrats-confidence-in-administration.html>

Carl Hulse

President Obama's handling of the Bergdahl prisoner exchange has renewed frustration among congressional Democrats about the administration's relations with its allies on Capitol Hill, and prompted criticism that the White House failed to prepare the lawmakers for the politically explosive case.

MSNBC: Democratic Party draws blood early in key Senate races

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/democrats-draw-blood-early-senate-fights>

Benjy Sarlin

Arkansas Senate candidate Tom Cotton is the kind of star recruit Republican strategists love. The first-term congressman, now 37, left Harvard Law School to join the Army after the 9/11 terror attacks. He served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and then returned to Arkansas to run for office.

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