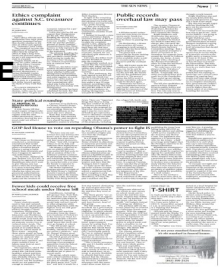


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3 GOP congressmen supported the failed amendment to close the prison

Sanford opposes 'indefinite detention' and relocating prisoners from Cuba to SC

Vote is not the first time Sanford has sided with Democrats on the issue

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U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford on Wednesday was one of just three Republicans in the House of Representatives to join Democrats in support of a move to close Guantánamo Bay in Cuba and potentially allow federal officials to transfer detention center prisoners to facilities in the United States.

Sanford told McClatchy afterward that he'd voted for closing the prison because he opposes the government holding people indefinitely – in many cases, Guantánamo prisoners are held for years without being

formally charged with crimes.

"Indefinite detention is not consistent with the values that America was based on," Sanford said in an interview. "I think if you look at the military tribunals . . . there was finality to the

process: 'We find you guilty in military tribunal, we'll take you out back and shoot you, or we'll let you go.' It

was not, 'We're going to hold you for the next 40 years.' "

A Republican majority – with help from 21 Democrats who broke rank with their party – defeated the proposal to close Guantánamo Bay on Wednesday.

The issue came up during afternoon floor debate over the National Defense Reauthorization Act, a bulky piece of legislation that decides military spending and authorizes various national defense programs.

Federal law prohibits spending any federal money to close the controversial military prison. The National Defense Reauthorization Act also prohibits federal officials from transferring Guantánamo detainees to

prisons in the United States.

An amendment offered by U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., would have removed those two provisions from this year's reauthorization act.

Sanford and two other Republicans voted for Nadler's amendment. The amendment failed by 259-163.

Previously, Sanford has voted to remove federal funding for Guantánamo Bay, which would effectively shutter the prison. But those previous legislative efforts to "defund" the prison's operations have failed in Congress.

The other Republicans who voted for the amendment were U.S. Reps. John Duncan of Tennessee and Justin Amash of Michigan.

In the past, Sanford has said he objects to Guantánamo Bay prisoners being

transferred to South Carolina, and he reiterated that position Wednesday.

"We need to have a larger conversation as Americans about the notion of indefinite detention," Sanford said. "What the president has proposed is changing the geography of indefinite detention. But for the detainee, there is no difference – whether you're detained in Cuba or Colorado."

Sanford praised South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley for her recent testimony on Capitol Hill against President Barack Obama's plan to close the military-run detention center.

Last summer, the Pentagon scouted the U.S. Naval Consolidated Brig in Hana, South Carolina, as a potential site for Guantánamo transfers. The facility is about five miles from North Charleston.

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A state Supreme Court ruling Wednesday temporarily put the Department of Transportation's leadership in limbo and, according to lawmakers, underscored the Legislature's need to pass a roads bill.

The justices threw out a clause in the 2015-16 budget allowing Gov. Nikki Haley to continue appointing the Transportation secretary, saying it was unrelated to the budget and therefore unconstitutional "log-rolling."

The issue is whether "suspending the termination of the governor's appointment power is reasonably and inherently related to the raising and spending of tax monies. We hold that it is not," Chief Justice Costa Pleicones wrote in the 4-1 decision.

Under the 2007 government restructuring law that put the Transportation agency in the governor's Cabinet, Haley's ability to appoint the secretary should have expired July 1, 2015. Legislators intended to address that as

part of highway-funding legislation.

When they couldn't agree on funding, legislators tacked a one-year extension onto the budget.

The court's order says the

authority to appoint a new leader should have reverted last July to the Transportation Department's commission, restoring its full oversight of the agency.

The ruling is another victory for Greenville resident Ned Sloan, a retired paving contractor who, for more than a decade, has successfully challenged the legislative practice of "bobtailing" — tacking one bill onto another.

Hours after the ruling, commissioners voted 8-0 in an emergency meeting to keep Christy Hall as secretary and ratify her decisions.

"We have no issue with who the secretary is. Apparently the Supreme Court has an issue with how she got there," said DOT Chairman Mike Wooten. "She's what

South Carolina needs, and we need to keep her in that position as long as we can."

The Senate confirmed Hall as secretary in January, but she'd been at the helm as acting secretary since last summer. It was her second stint in the interim position, following the second resignation of a Haley appointee. Legislators have widely praised Hall's leadership during the February 2014 ice storm and last fall's catastrophic flooding.

The high court's ruling does show the ramifications of what could happen if the Legislature continues to delay on legislation aimed at

fixing South Carolina's crumbling roads, and it highlights the need to combine reform with funding, said Rep. Gary Simrill, R-Rock Hill.

Later Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee unanimously advanced a bill merging a Senate borrowing proposal with changes in the DOT's governance. It would continue to give the commission

appointing powers, with legislators' approval, but allow the governor to appoint every commissioner. Currently, legislators appoint seven commissioners and the governor appoints one.

The borrowing plan — which the Senate approved as part of its budget proposal for 2016-17 — uses about \$200 million in existing fees, fines and vehicle sales taxes to borrow \$2 billion over 10 years. Hall has said that frees up other money the DOT can use to replace bridges and pave roads, allowing for more than \$4 billion worth of work total.

Last year, the House passed a bill that would have provided an additional \$400 million yearly for highway construction. A Senate version raised roughly twice that, but the session ended with opponents of increasing gas taxes preventing a vote on the Senate floor.

The DOT has said it needs an additional \$1.5 billion annually over three decades to bring the state's highway system to good condition.

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**Regional could mean \$10-15
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area**

BY DAVID CLONINGER
The State (Columbia)

South Carolina will see a predetermined postseason event played within its borders for the first time since 2005 when the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament is held in Greenville next

March.

Why stop there?

Columbia is finalizing a bid to host an NCAA men's basketball tournament regional at Colonial Life Arena. The NCAA will consider

host sites for regionals in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 and the city and university are aggressively lobbying to be one of them.

"It's just too great an opportunity for the city of

Columbia to pass up," said Ron Morris, former columnist for The State and the man who has spearheaded Columbia's NCAA basket-

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ball initiative. "This could have an economic impact of 10 to 15 million dollars for the city and the Midlands, for one weekend. There's never been an event in the history of the city to have that type of impact."

Morris, a college basketball fan for 50 years who has covered it for several publications and wrote "ACC Basketball: An Illustrated History," proposed the idea to the city after the Confederate flag was lowered in July.

With the NCAA's boycott of predetermined championship events in the state ending, Morris thought it would be a good idea if the city

and USC would bid on a future NCAA tournament regional, or hire somebody to oversee the process.

The city agreed and asked Morris to lead it. Morris is being paid \$28,800 as a consultant to the city, or for 20 hours per week since July. He estimates he's worked up to 60 hours per week on the project.

Morris interviewed 35 to 40 city and athletic department officials at arenas and host cities who won previous bids, discovering what it took to get a bid and what Columbia needed to do to make its bid one of the best.

Working with USC athletic officials Ray Tanner, Kevin O'Connell and Char-

les Waddell along with Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, City Manager Teresa Wilson and others, Morris has labored for 10 months on a plan that will win an NCAA regional.

In the middle of the research, North Carolina passed the controversial HB2 bill into law. The NCAA promptly responded by saying discrimination has no part in their business, and would start considering host sites based on the host's acceptance of all people.

North Carolina has been a popular spot for past NCAA basketball regionals, with Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh taking turns. With

the new law threatening to take North Carolina off the list of potential host states, South Carolina could benefit.

"We have been a state that shows very strong people, of faith, and of kindness, and of acceptance, but also willingness to move forward," Gov. Nikki Haley said on Monday, when

Greenville was chosen for the SEC women's tournament. "And so this is really a tribute to the people of South Carolina, for showing that we are ready to welcome in any tournament that wants to come."

Morris' plan is to keep Columbia and USC ahead of the curve in being accom-



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modating hosts. The bid will be finalized and submitted by mid-August (other cities and arenas in South Carolina might also be bidding) and the NCAA will do its

own checking into the site, including visits, and then announce the winners by the end of the year.

“I’m so confident we’ll win and it will pay off in the

end,” Morris said. “It’s not a matter of ‘if,’ but ‘when.’ You just can’t miss an opportunity to bring an event of that magnitude to the city of Columbia.”

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The S.C. Supreme Court ruled unlawful Wednesday a one-year budget amendment extending the governor's ability to appoint the head of the S.C. Department of Transportation.

The budget amendment, called a proviso, was stricken down by the court, stripping Gov. Nikki Haley of her ability to appoint the head of the Transportation Department, now Christy Hall.

However, the commission that oversees the Transportation Department

held an emergency meeting Wednesday to appoint Hall, retroactively from July 1. The unanimous vote also approved all actions taken by Hall since July 1.

Meanwhile, House members on the state's budget-writing panel approved a Senate proposal that now merges changes to the Transportation Department structure with a bonding plan to spend roughly \$4 billion in road-repair projects.

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The S.C. Senate voted 39-3 Wednesday to override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of \$40 million in aid to S.C. farmers who lost crops during last year's historic flooding.

The proposal now becomes law. The GOP-controlled House voted Tuesday to override Haley's veto by a 112-2 vote.

To qualify, a farmer must have lost at least 40 percent of a crop. The grants will cover 20 percent of that loss, not to exceed \$100,000.

Republican Haley had vetoed the aid, saying the money would be an "unprecedented bailout for a single industry affected by last year's flooding."

But the head of the GOP-majority state Senate disagreed.

"This isn't about offering some kind of bailout," said Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence. "It is a fiscally responsible way to support our family farms."

Three senators – Lee Bright of Spartanburg, Tom Davis of Beaufort and Larry Grooms of Berkeley, all Republicans – voted to uphold Haley's veto.

Davis said the aid was a government bailout.

Asked why he voted to spend millions to renourish S.C. beaches, which helped tourism, Davis replied beaches are state-owned assets.

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'SIX-FIGURE' CAMPAIGN PLANNED

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A Great Day SC, a PAC run by an adviser to Gov. Nikki Haley, is targeting Republican Senate leader Hugh Leatherman

Group also targeting Sen. Luke Rankin, R-Horry, and backing his opponent

Group plans to spend in 'six figures' to defeat senators

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A political group tied to S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is mounting a six-figure campaign targeting the state's most powerful politician and another lawmaker who has clashed with the governor.

A Great Day SC is spending six figures on two ads that started running this week in the

Florence and Myrtle Beach television markets. The ads target state Senate President Pro

Tempore Hugh Leatherman of Florence County and state Sen. Luke Rankin of Horry County, said Great Day leader Tim Pearson.

Like Haley, both Leatherman and Rankin are Republicans.

Great Day also is backing Rankin's June 14 GOP primary opponent, Republican Scott Pyle, a financial adviser.

As of Tuesday, Great Day had reserved at least \$80,000 in ad

time over the next two weeks on cable and broadcast television stations in Florence and Myrtle Beach, according to a media buyer who researched the group's plans.

But Pearson, Haley's former chief of staff and her political adviser, said Wednesday the group is spending more – "well

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into the six figures" — to defeat Leatherman and Rankin.

"The governor always said that she wanted to make sure people know what lawmakers are doing in Columbia," Pearson said. "And everything in these ads is true."

Rankin, who has more than \$281,000 in cash on hand for his re-election bid, could not be reached for comment late Wednesday.

day.

Leatherman said he had not seen an ad targeting him. "I guess I ought to look at that and see what they say. 'A nice guy?'"

Leatherman, elected in 1980, told reporters to look at his record to check the ad's claims for accuracy.

Told the ad targets him for backing a gas-tax hike, Leatherman said he eventually led the fight this year to pay for road repairs without raising the

gas tax.

However, Haley gave lawmakers the green light to raise gas taxes in her 2015 State of the State address. But Haley said any increase in the gas tax had to be offset by a far larger income-tax cut, resulting in a net tax cut for South Carolinians.

Lawmakers came up with several plans to raise the gas tax and cut income taxes. But Haley decried the plans for not cutting taxes enough. Later, sen-

ators agreed on a plan that did not raise the gas tax.

Longtime GOP political consultant Richard Quinn predicted Leatherman and Rankin will survive the governor's challenge. Both are "senators who are well-respected in their districts," he said. "They will withstand these ads."

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As of April, the donors included one S.C. contributor, an auto sales company from Hardeeville that gave \$100,000.

Leatherman objected to out-of-state donors funding the pro-Haley PAC's efforts.

"It bothers me, frankly, that we have out-of-state money pouring in here," he said. "My take on the folks back in Florence? They absolutely detest out-of-state money coming in and trying to buy a Senate seat."

Leatherman has \$1.5 million to spend on his re-election bid, including

a \$750,000 personal loan.

The ads against Leatherman and Rankin, both of whom have GOP primary opposition, started running this week, about a month before the June 14 election.

Pearson would not discuss any plans by Great Day to target other legislators. But Haley has said she plans to campaign around the state to highlight the records of lawmakers who have failed to support her agenda.

The ad targeting Rankin accuses the 12-term attorney-legislator of taking "liberal" votes. The ad then pivots to an endorsement of Pyle, calling him a

"a conservative businessman who understands the economy ... the new conservative voice we need in Columbia."

Haley repeatedly has clashed with Leatherman, considered the state's most powerful legislator because he controls the Senate's budget-writing committee, sits on a powerful state spending panel and runs the Senate.

At the recent state Republican Party convention, Haley blamed Leatherman for a highway expansion project slated for a low-trafficked Florence road.

"Do you know why that's happening?" Haley said. "Because the presi-

dent of the Senate lives there."

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Gov. Nikki Haley and Va. gubernatorial hopeful Ed Gillespie

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