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Spent fuel could be on way to SRS

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Spent fuel from a research reactor at the University of Alberta in Canada could soon be en route to South Carolina's Savannah River Site.

According to documentation provided by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, shipping casks for the transfer are being reviewed and a planned shipping route has been approved.

The exact route through the U.S. begins at the Sweet Grass, Montana, border crossing, and ends near Aiken County at the Savannah River Site.

According to Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesperson Roger Hannah, actual routes are not publicized because of security concerns. However, the journey from Sweet Grass to Aiken County is close to 2,300 miles along major U.S. highways, depending on which cities the route goes through.

The spent fuel is U.S.-origin, highly-enriched uranium. It was used for research in a reactor called a "safe low-power critical experiment," or SLOWPOKE reactor. In the documents related to the shipping cask review, the SLOWPOKE reactor core is also included in the review.

The Department of Energy has shipped SLOWPOKE reactor cores in the past, with one now residing at Savannah River Site's L-Basin.

Tom Clements, director of SRS Watch, said in a release, "In September 2015, a SLOWPOKE core was shipped from Jamaica to SRS, where it is now stored

with no long-term disposition plans."

The new material also would be destined for L-Basin. However, with the scrapped Yucca Mountain project and the backlogged waste isolation pilot plant, or WIPP, it is unclear what pathway exists to get the material back out of South Carolina.

In multiple conversations about nuclear material coming into the Palmetto State, Gov. Nikki Haley has repeatedly said she refuses to let South Carolina become a nuclear dumping ground.

"We believe it is prudent to halt to shipment of HEU-bearing waste to SRS until such time as a plan is presented for removal of such waste from the site," Clements said.

"We are concerned that DOE is planning to bring more HEU-related waste to SRS over the coming years, with no plan for their removal from South Carolina and without the public being properly informed about these waste-imports and long-term storage and disposition plans," he said.

According to NRC documents, cask approval could come in March 2017. If that approval is issued, the material could hit the road in 2018. That timeline matches up with presentation given to the Citizens Advisory Board early this year, that showed shipments from Alberta, Canada, expected in 2018.

The route was approved Nov. 9 and won't expire until Dec. 31, 2021.

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A woman from Ridgeland scurried toward Gov. Nikki Haley and gave her a hug.

Of course, there was time for a photo-op and the woman beamed as phones and cameras captured the moment. The woman, who said she's admired Haley since before she was governor, could barely control her excitement.

"There's something about her," she said.

Haley was in town Wednesday for Lowcountry Day to help residents continue to recover from Hurricane Matthew.

The event brought federal and state agencies to the Farmers' Market in Ridgeland and offered Lowcountry residents post-storm help.

About 300 people took advantage of the assistance offered. Many greeted the governor, whose presence in Jasper was appreciated by county residents.

"It seems like she cares," the smiling woman said.

The Team South Carolina event offered resources for families and businesses as they try to recover from the storm.

Haley, who helped fill about 500 boxes of supplies, has been visible in the county this year. She was in Jasper during the spring to give an update on the Jasper Port, and her visit last week con-

firms to the Jasper County Council that the governor is invested in Jasper's progress. County Council Chairman

Marty Sauls said he truly believes Haley is sincere in her interest in the county.

"Any time you have the governor of the state come and walk around and speak to people, it lets you know firsthand that she does care about Jasper County," Sauls said. "That speaks volumes. It's so important. People notice it."

Haley spoke to county officials and assured them the county is going to get "as much assistance as possible."

Sauls said it's been a goal of his and the council to have a good relationship with the governor's office, which he believes will translate into good things for Jasper.

"The past few years we've turned a corner with the governor's office," Sauls said. "I think she's really noticed Jasper over the last few years."

Haley's visit isn't going to be the end of the recovery, officials said.

Two Disaster Recovery Centers are planned to open in northern and southern Jasper. The centers will feature agencies who will explain disaster assistance programs.

Sauls, who is encouraged that more help will be offered, said the storm taught him something about Jasper County's people. Despite the damage and power outages, he saw people offering to help each other.

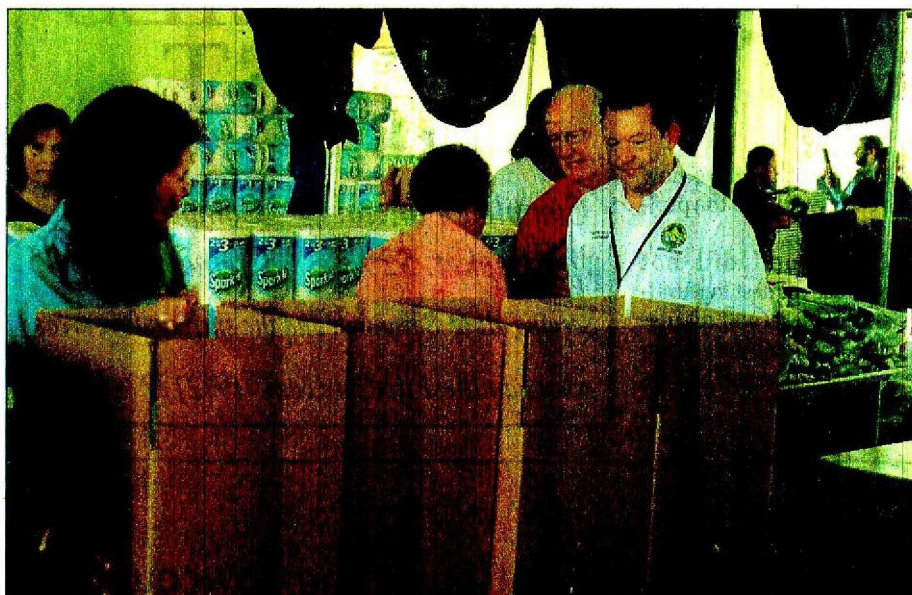
"Our county is made up of very compassionate and generous people," he said. "People

volunteered who probably didn't have the resources or means to do it, but they did it anyway because they wanted to do it. Just to see people coming together to help each other has been heartwarming to see. Put your differences aside. We are here to help each other because we all live and work and play in Jasper County. It's been our community coming together."

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Jasper County Council Chairman Marty Sauls helped Gov. Nikki Haley fill supply boxes during Lowcountry Day in Ridgeland, which helped residents affected by the hurricane.

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Hurricane Matthew assistance offered at Lowcountry Day

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, FEMA and other organizations visited Ridgeland's Farmers' Market on Wednesday for Team South Carolina Lowcountry Day.

Residents from the Lowcountry were invited to seek information Nov. 2 for aid and recovery help from Hurricane Matthew. Close to 300 people participated in the event.

The Category 2 storm caused major flooding, power outages, infrastructure damage, and damaged the homes and properties of thousands of residents in the Lowcountry. Before the storm, Haley issued a mandatory evacuation order for the coasts and 50 miles inland. Haley said about 350,000 people evacuated, but thousands of others

stayed.

Jasper County was declared by a disaster area by President Obama and is eligible for both FEMA public assistance and individual assistance.

"I lost power and my fridge and freezer unfroze. The water spilled out all over my kitchen floor," said Ridgeland resident Jacquelyn Fields. "The floor bowed up. It's spread out to the dining room."

Fields can use her kitchen – she can cook and walk on the floors – but she doesn't feel safe. Her mother, however, cannot walk on the floor;

she uses a cane to help her balance, and the bowed floors throughout the kitchen make it impossible for her to access the room.

"Outside we had three trees fall. One medium tree which I cut up myself, and two 90-year old oak trees, one of which fell across property lines into the neighboring lot. I have insurance, but I don't know if I should file a claim there or with FEMA or pay out of pocket," said Fields. "I think this whole thing is outstanding. Having all the agencies centralized is great."

Among those agencies were Samaritan's Purse, FEMA, SC Help, and the S.C. Realtors Association. SC Help said the majority of residents asked about assistance with temporary living situations, such as rental properties. Big questions

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were about the cost of repairs and financing repairs.

Roofs, foundations and exacerbated pre-existing conditions were the most common repairs.

"We didn't have any seri-

ous damage that couldn't be replaced," said three Ridgeland women who requested to remain anonymous. "The worst was our food – we lost about \$400 in food."

Said Haley: "We've got spots around South Carolina where many people saw lots

of damage. And they don't necessarily know where to go or who to ask. Our job is to help people lift back up, get back on their feet."

Haley spoke with officials and residents. She also helped fill 500 boxes of supplies, which included paper

towels, toilet paper, bleach, a jug of water and an assortment of toiletries.

This relief assistance featuring major government and state agencies was started by Haley last year after the

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major flooding that plagued the state.

"It's in a way a one-stop shop for anyone who's had any kinds of damage or questions," said Haley. "We're here

to answer questions."

There's a plan for Ridgeland and Hardeeville to have Disaster Relief Centers open to offer more aid for Jasper residents. Two centers are

expected to open soon.

The DRCs will remain open as needed and residents will be able to walk in and get immediate assistance from state and federal agencies.



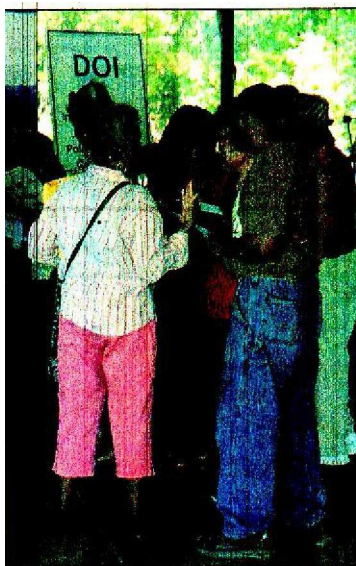
Gov. Nikki Haley was at the Farmers' Market in Ridgeland on Wednesday to help in the Hurricane Matthew recovery. She helped fill 500 boxes of supplies that included paper towels, toilet paper water and more.

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Jasper County Councilwoman Barbara Clark chats with Haley. About 300 people came to Lowcountry Day to receive assistance and get questions answered about dealing with the aftermath of Matthew.



FEMA, SC Help and the SC Realtors Association were among the agencies present at the event.

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SCETV is a blessing for South Carolina

Abseence, as the saying goes, makes the heart grow fonder. This certainly applies to loved ones, family, friends, favorite haunts, delicious food and secret passions.

For me, it also applies to SCETV, the statewide radio and television network.

For much of October, folks in the Charleston area weren't able to get the network's broadcasts thanks to wear, tear and salt intrusion on the old antenna north of Mount Pleasant. First, as the network worked to install new equipment, the radio signal went out for a while, depriving folks of NPR programming and great shows like *PRI's The World* and *A Prairie Home Companion*.

As soon as the radio went back on the air, then it was time to take down the TV side, causing children and adults to miss programming on its three digital stations. One person in our family had such a need for a fix of political commentary by Mark Shields and David Brooks on a Friday afternoon that he (or she) resorted to finding a version online.

The point of all of this is that we should recognize the value of our statewide radio and television network, which does a whole lot more than put shows on the air. Started in the late 1950s by then Gov. Fritz Hollings, the network provided televised training to help workers get added skills in what has grown to more than 2,000 locations around the state. Unlike most state public networks, South Carolina Educational

Television invested in dedicated broadcasting bandwidth, which continues to give the state some economic development advantages to potential industrial recruits.

Currently, the television side of ETV airs 26,280 hours of state and national programming every year on its 11 stations, including live coverage of the legislature, as well as web-streamed coverage of lots of Statehouse meetings and special events, such as recent disaster updates during Hurricane Matthew. On the radio side, there's 17,520 hours of local to national programming every year, including the nationally-syndicated Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz series that the network has produced for national audiences for 30 years.

SCETV has continued to serve residents through the years despite threats to funding. Gov. Nikki Haley tried to zero out state funding for the network in the early years of her terms. That didn't work completely, but she was successful in ending large direct state appropriations by steering the network's funding to an indirect appropriation model in which broadcast services were reimbursed through the new Department of Administration.

In 2005, for example, the agency received \$12.7 million directly from state lawmakers and had a total budget of \$24.1 million. By comparison, the network's current direct state budget is just \$277,532, although it generated millions more through services and

passthroughs for a total public budget of \$19.2 million. That is, however, almost \$5 million less than it received 12 years ago.

The impact of cuts can be seen in how it sometimes approaches programming. Years ago, the network aired debates for the major statewide and congressional offices. This year, in a tip of the hat to being perhaps less controversial, debates were replaced with candidate interviews. This new format benefits candidates, who can focus on what they want voters to hear, rather than voters, who often learn more about pluses and negatives when candidates mix it up directly.

Despite funding cuts that have impacted staff and caused broadcast infrastructure to be neglected, SCETV continues to provide outstanding media services that enhance public life. When you have to do without the network for a few weeks, you really begin to appreciate all that it does.

If the legislature wants to enhance public life more and bring people in South Carolina together in new ways, it should consider investing more, not less, in SCETV.

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Roof Trial Opens Doors To Address Issues Beyond Legalities

By Barney Blakeney

The federal trial of accused Emanuel AME Church murderer Dylann Roof was to begin November 7 in U.S. District Court across the street from the

high profile murder trial of North Charleston policeman Michael Slager being conducted at Charleston County Courthouse. Roof, accused of killing nine churchgoers attending Bible study June 17, 2015, con-

fessed to the crime he says was committed to start a race war. The effort failed as Charleston and the world embraced a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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However, issues concerning Roof's competency to stand trial surfaced earlier this week, which has pushed back the start of the trial to November 21.

While Roof may have failed in his attempt to start a race war, his trial will continue the media frenzy ignited by the start of Slager's trial last week and perpetuates a need for vigil on the part of authorities and residents alike.

Charleston officials in their attempt to manage any law enforcement issues said the Municipal Emergency Operation Center (MEOC) remained open Monday during the Slager trial for the City of Charleston, Charleston County, state and federal partners to manage events surrounding the trials and ensure lines of communications between law enforcement agencies and the community.

Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Charleston Police Department are conducting a joint investigation after nine letters referencing racial violence in the city of Charleston were re-

ceived by several hotels, Mother Emanuel AME Church, and the James Island County Park. The letters were received at different times in October.

"Law enforcement officials always take these situations seriously and are working to identify the individual or individuals re-

sponsible for the letters. Investigators have not developed information that identifies a particular person who may have mailed the letter or any specific, credible threats. Law enforcement officials at the local, state, and federal levels are working collectively during this time of heightened awareness in the Charleston area. They are asking that anyone who sees or hears anything they feel is suspicious or concerning to dial 911 immediately and alert law enforcement. Security is everyone's responsibility and we need all citizens to be alert and active participants, especially during this time," city officials said in a statement issued Monday.

The Charleston County Judicial Center, which includes the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Charleston County Courthouse, received four bomb threats today. Law Enforcement searched the buildings and they were deemed safe. None of the buildings were evacuated, city officials said in a statement released late Tuesday.

Roof's trial was slated to begin with jury selection this past Monday but unexpectedly jury selection was halted before it began by U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel. In a memo filed late Monday, Gergel explained, "This is an unusually sensitive period in this proceeding where highly prejudicial pre-trial publicity could taint the jury pool and make selection of a fair and

impartial jury increasingly challenging." Jury selection was to resume November 9, but was delayed once more.

But underlying the logistics of the trial and the security surrounding it residents remain focused on what Roof's crime means in the context of race relations. In addition to the logistical and media attention Roof's trial will receive as it begins what's expected to take weeks to complete many residents focus remains on its implication beyond the legal procedures. Those issues will be resolved by the courts with the only uncertainty being whether Roof will be put to death or receive a life sentence.

Although South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley successfully lobbied for removal of the Confederate Flag from the S.C. Statehouse grounds, more difficult has been addressing the hatred that spawned Dylann Roof. Emanuel AME Church last week opened the Mother Emanuel Empowerment Center to provide counseling and support services to church members and others. Those efforts are commendable, but Charleston and South Carolina still must address the serious issues about race that include unequal housing, education and employment.

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Black Water Barrels LLC, a producer of white oak barrels for the growing bourbon industry, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 21 for its new manufacturing facility located in Bamberg.

Black Water Barrels announced its decision to locate in Bamberg in January of 2015 and has been up fitting the former Zeigler automotive facility located at 3941 Main Highway. The company purchased the 9,000 square-foot facility and has added an additional 11,000 square-foot expansion to the building.

State-of-the-art equipment from Germany and Scotland has been installed and the final two pieces were recently delivered. The front of the building has been transformed to include retail and office space, where the company will sell apparel, charcoal and stainless steel cooking equipment among other items.

The company has invested \$3.6 million and will create 57 jobs over the next five years. They are presently at 21 employees.

"There are very few places you can go in the United States and see an actual barrel being made in the old style cooperage form,

and you will now be able to do that here," said Greg

Pierce, President of Black Water Barrels. "We are excited to bring this unique product to the state of South Carolina and to this region. The people of Bamberg have welcomed us with open arms and we look forward to being part of this community."

A startup firm, Black Water Barrels is South Carolina's first cooperage,

and will specialize in the manufacture of 53-gallon barrels made of FAS-grade, quarter-sawn American White Oak for use in the bourbon industry. The company will also have the full capacity to produce additional size barrels, including but not limited to 60-gallon and 30-gallon. In addition, other wood profiles will be available to serve the spirits, beer and wine industries.

"We are always excited for days like today, to celebrate the opening of a new manufacturing facility in our region," said Danny Black, President and CEO of SouthernCarolina Alliance. "Not only is Black Water Barrels creating 57 new jobs, the company will manufacture a unique product here in the Southern Carolina region of the state and the economic stimulation it provides

to Bamberg and the surrounding area is great for our communities and our citizens. We welcome Greg and his staff and look forward to many years of partnership and growth."

Governor Nikki Haley was the keynote speaker at the ceremony and was joined by Black, Mr. Greg Peirce, President of Black Water Barrels, The Honorable Kathy Schwarting, Mayor Pro Tem and Coun-

cilwoman of the City of Bamberg, The Honorable Evert Comer Jr., Bamberg County Councilman, and The Honorable Justin Bamberg, Representative for the South Carolina House District 90.

"Greg looked at eight counties and three states and he ended up in the best spot, which is Bamberg County," said Governor Nikki Haley during the ceremony. "We want this to be a destination site, a place where people travel. South Carolina is now on the map for having another cool industry."

The company gratefully acknowledges the collaborative efforts of South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance and various Bamberg County governmental agencies.

Black Water Barrels is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year. To make order inquiries or obtain additional information on the company, contact info@blackwaterbarrels.com. Further information is available at www.blackwaterbarrels.com.

For more information on SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance please visit www.southern-carolina.org.

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Joining Governor Nikki Haley for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Black Water Barrels were (L-R) Mr. Johnny Williamson, SCA Board Member and Black Water Barrels Partner; Mr. Buddy Phillips, Chairman of the SCA Board of Directors; Mr. Greg Pierce, President of Black Water Barrels; Governor Nikki Haley; Ms. Kathy Schwarting, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilwoman of the City of Bamberg; Ms. Nancy Foster, Chairwoman of the Bamberg County EDC; Representative Justin Bamberg, SC House District 90; and Mrs. Kaki Williamson, Black Water Barrels Partner. Not pictured on the left is Mr. Evert Comer, Jr., Bamberg County Councilman

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Governor announces formation of Crime Victims Services of SC

Governor Nikki Haley, Attorney General Alan Wilson and victims advocates announced on Nov. 3 the formation of the Crime Victim Services of South Carolina.

She said that in an effort to improve services for crime victims, legislation will be proposed to consolidate, co-locate, and better coordinate multiple state agencies to the Attorney General's Office. The new "Crime Victim Services" will include the State Office of Victim Assistance and the Crime Victim's Ombudsman, currently at the Department of Administration, and the Division of Victim Assistance Grants, currently at the Department of Public Safety. Approximately 55 employees will be affected

with no fiscal impact to the state.

"We are giving crime victim services a home in South Carolina for the first time in our state's history," said Gov. Haley during an event held at Columbia's Crime Victims Memorial Gardens. "Combining these agencies and streamlining their services is the right thing to do. Citizens deserve good government, victims deserve justice, and this is one more step forward to improve how we work for the people. We are grateful for victims' advocates who have championed this reform and do hero's work every day, and we thank the attorney general for leading this effort and for continuing to have the backs of crime victims."

A video of the full event on the governor's YouTube page.

With a targeted effective date of July 1, 2017, the governor will issue Executive Order 2016-43, which establishes a Crime Victim

Services Transition Team to develop a plan for transitioning the administration of agencies and employees. A plan for addressing human resources, finance, information technology, and other operational matters must be submitted to the governor no later than January 10, 2017. Members of the Transition Team will be comprised of representatives from the Attorney General's Office, Department of Administration, and the Department of Public Safety.

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Union native Leah Lawson, Miss South Carolina USA, was recognized by Gov. Nikki Haley and the S.C. House of Representatives for her service in 2016 as Miss South Carolina USA. Lawson, who graduated from high school in Laurens County and graduated from Presbyterian College, thanked Rep. Mark Willis for coordinating the recognition. "With my reign coming to an end in just a few weeks this was an amazing memory to add to the collection," she said.

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RICHMOND COUNTY

Rec Commission chair tried to fight fire with fire after nepotism allegations

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When a group of legislators took aim earlier this month at Richland County Recreation Commission board members for nepotism, the commission's chairwoman did some digging of her own.

Writing on the Rec Commission's official letterhead in early September, J. Marie Green filed open records requests for public records related to any S.C. State House

employees who are relatives of state senators and representatives.

Green's inquiries came the day after 10 members of Richland County's State House delegation demanded Green and four other board members quit, citing — among other grievances — “blatant abuses of nepotism” within the commission.

Brandishing documents made available through their own open records request, the Richland legislators said on Aug. 31 that the Recreation Commission has at least 10 employees who are related or closely connected to the commission's embattled former director, **James Brown III**;

his son, **James A. Brown**; or board chair Green.

Green filed her inquiries the next day.

“Nothing this woman does surprises me,” said state Sen. **Joel Lourie**, D-Richland, one of the lawmakers who called for Green to resign. “That act alone is just another example of a chairwoman just out of control and out of touch with reality. It was a pathetic attempt to make others look bad, when in reality, it only made her look bad.”

Writing to S.C. Gov. **Nikki Haley** on Oct. 13, legislators called Green's open record request “yet another example of the five commissioners' inability to oversee RCRC.”

“Rather than concentrating on the mounting issues at RCRC, Ms. Green reacts with pettiness and immaturity by focusing on irrelevant matters.”

If Green was looking for dirt on her accusers, she uncovered little to work with.

Four S.C. State House employees are related to current legislators. But only one is related to a member of Richland County's dele-

gation, Green's inquiry found. **Robert Motley**, who is related to state Rep. **Nathan Ballentine**, R-Richland, makes \$7.25 an hour working as a part-time House page.

Ballentine is among the 10 legislators who called on the five Rec Commission members' removal.

The S.C. Senate has no employees who meet the definition of “relative” as outlined by Green in her request.

However, the sister-in-law of one Rec Commission critic — state Sen. **John Courson**, R-Richland — is paid \$83,750 a year as the research director for the Senate's K-12 education subcommittee.

Efforts to reach Green for comment were unsuccessful.

2ND DISTRICT DEBATE GOING LIVE ON YOUTUBE

Voters in South Carolina's 2nd District can watch their congressional candidates debate live on the Internet Friday.

River Bluff High School, home of the 9:30 a.m. debate, will broadcast the showdown on YouTube Live, according to **Michael Burgess**, the event's organizer and a teacher at River Bluff's Center for Law and

Global Policy Development.

Republican U.S. Rep. **Joe Wilson**, Democrat **Arik Bjorn** and American Party candidate **Eddie McCain** will debate, just four days before election day.

Lexington 1 Teacher of the Year **Meg Huggins** will moderate the student-centered debate, which will feature three 20-minute segments.

The first segment will focus on national security, the U.S. military and foreign policy; the second, on job creation, the economy and trade; and the third, on social and constitutional issues.

River Bluff students wrote every debate question and will fill most of the roughly 900 seats in the Lexington County high school's performing arts center.

“Our students, teachers and staff have invested a ton of time into making this a high quality, dignified, meaningful debate of ideas and issues,” Burgess said. “We are excited about starting a new tradition at River Bluff High School of being a center for civic discourse for our community with events like this one.”

S.C. SENATE GETTING ORGANIZED?

The S.C. Senate will hold its organizational session

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During the noon session, senators will select their committees, elect officers, adopt rules and pick their seats in the Senate chamber.

"We will have several new members and we voted last year to shorten the session

by one month. I see this organizational session as a way for us to hit the ground running more effectively and efficiently at the start of the upcoming year," said Senate President Pro Tempore **Hugh Leatherman**, R-Florence. "With the

changes that have occurred, I want to reiterate my commitment to using our time wisely and having the most productive and effective legislative session possible."

The Buzz is waiting patiently to see if senators

change their rules that enable bill- and time-killing filibusters.

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