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Trump's new U.N. pick

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Gov. Nikki Haley has developed a national reputation as a racial conciliator who led the charge to bring down the Confederate flag at the Statehouse and guided South Carolina through one of its darkest moments, the massacre at a black church.

Now the 44-year-old American-born daughter of Indian immigrants is about to take her role as the state's healer-in-chief to a world stage, as U.N. ambassador.

Last Wednesday, Haley became the first woman and first minority chosen by President-elect Donald Trump for his Cabinet.

If the Senate confirms her, she could find herself in the awkward position of being the international voice for an administration that has belittled the United Nations, promised to build a wall along the Mexican border and endeared itself to the alt-right movement, even though Trump has repudiated such groups.

Haley may have offered a glimpse Tuesday of how she will approach the job.

"Faith with action and kindness and love will always take us where we want to go," the Republican governor said at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, where a white man gunned down nine black parishioners in June 2015.

Haley drew wide praise for her leadership after the attack, as she conveyed the state's grief and successfully led calls to bring down the Confederate flag that had flown on the Statehouse grounds for 54 years. The shootings were motivated by "pure hate," she said then, and will "forever change the way I live my life."

Last week, churches across the state honored Haley's request for prayer vigils amid the nearly simultaneous murder trials of the defendant in the church massacre and a white former police officer accused of fatally shooting a black motorist in the back.

Her handling of the racially charged events bolstered her national image, said longtime GOP operative Richard Quinn.

"It became a national example of how you can deal with racial issues peacefully," he said.

Other crises Haley has grappled with over the past two years include historic flooding in 2015, an elementary school shooting last September, Hurricane Matthew last month and wildfires that continue to rage in the state's northwestern corner.

"The one constant is when things we didn't understand happened, the action was people stood

hand in hand and loved each other. They didn't look for someone to blame, or hate. They looked for someone to love and lift people up," she said last week, in calling for the same approach as the

trials and the disaster recovery play out.

Born Nimrata Nikki Randhawa in rural Bamberg, South Carolina, Haley was raised a Sikh. She says she converted to Christianity before marrying her husband, Michael, in 1996. They have two children, ages 18 and 15.

Haley has recalled that as a youngster, she and her sister were disqualified from the segregated Little Miss Bamberg Pageant because organizers couldn't figure out whether the girls should compete in the white or the black contest.

She confronted religious slurs over her Sikh roots during her 2010 campaign.

The second-term governor, who can't seek a third term, was a Trump critic during the White House campaign. She asked Americans to resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in how the nation treats immigrants.

But she has also fought the Obama administration on both legal and illegal immigration. Last December, she asked that no Syrian refugees be relocated to South Carolina because of "gaps in available intelligence" on those fleeing the civil war.

Haley, the second U.S. governor of Indian heritage, is the first South Carolina governor who is not a white man. She is also the nation's youngest governor.

She brings limited international experience to one of the U.S. government's most important international assignments. Almost all of her exposure on the world stage has been in pursuit of luring jobs to South Carolina.

Michelin, Bridgestone, Continental, Trelleborg and Giti Tire all have announced new or expanded operations in recent years, bolstering South Carolina's reputation as the nation's tire capital.

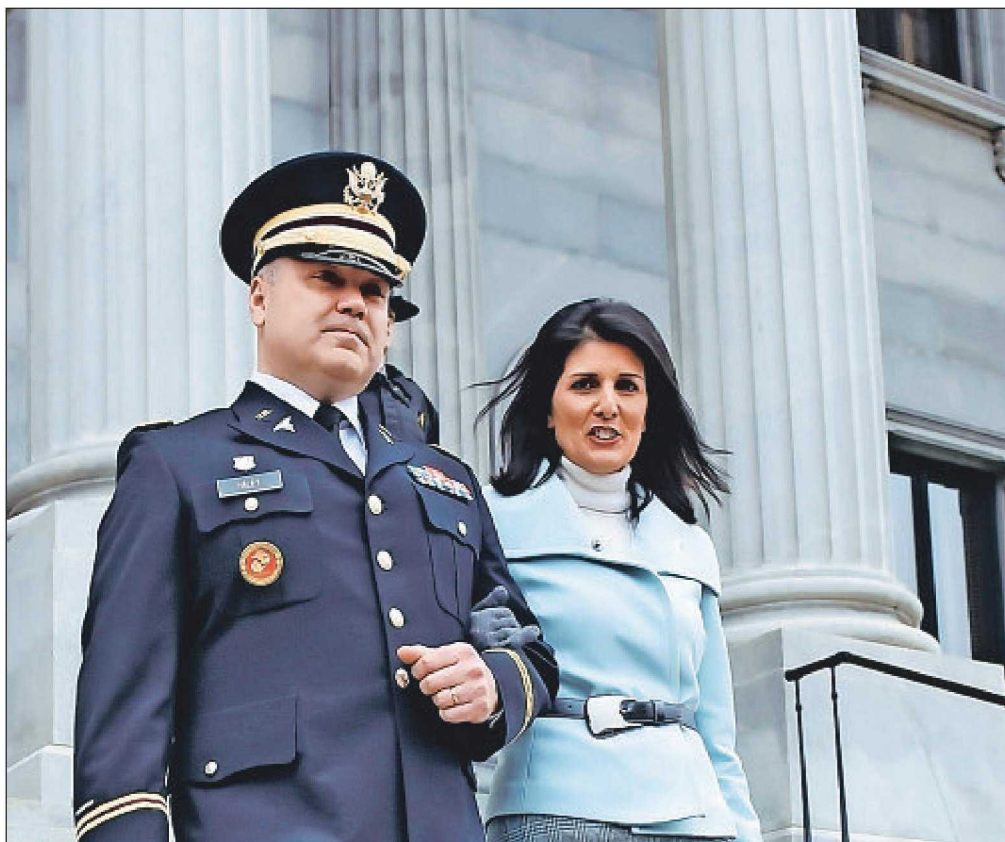
Her trips abroad to lure jobs include a 2015 secretive trip to Sweden, which was followed weeks later by an announcement that Volvo would build its first U.S. auto plant in South Carolina in exchange for more than \$200 million in state incentives.

In 2014, Haley took an economic development trip to India, her first visit to her parents' native country since she was 2. Her parents emigrated from India in the early 1960s.

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Haley graduated from Clemson University in 1994 with an accounting degree. But she says her business experience started at age 13, when she became the bookkeeper of her family's clothing store, a job she returned to after college.

In 2010, she was a three-term state House member, little known across the state. Still, Haley won the GOP primary for governor that year against a South Carolina congressman, an attorney general and a lieutenant governor. She prevailed in the general election and was easily re-elected four years later.



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Gov. Nikki Haley, with husband Michael in Columbia, is President-elect Donald Trump's choice as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

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Governor Nikki
Haley announced **Hartley
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Military officials briefed state and community leaders on the effects of Base Realignment and Closure, federal government sequestration and budget cuts that could affect local military installations during a meeting Friday at University of South Carolina Alumni Center.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, filling in for Gov. Nikki Haley, heard briefings about the challenges and opportunities from all major installations in South Carolina, including Shaw Air Force Base.

McMaster paraphrased a friend, saying the state must be the "best

place on Earth because so many generals retire here."

Military installation leaders from Columbia, Beaufort, Sumter and Charleston, representing

all major branches, each touted the importance their base has in keeping America safe.

All seven military leaders agreed that sequestration, automatic federal spending cuts to government agencies and the military, remains a top concern moving forward.

While BRAC remains a top concern, most of the military leaders felt like their base was too important in size or

mission to be considered for closing if BRAC occurs.

Col. Daniel Lasica, Shaw Air Force Base 20th Fighter Wing commander, said Shaw's 20th wing is the "core and seed wing for our nation."

He said that more than 1,000 men and women are deployed around the world out of Shaw Air Force Base, mostly in the Middle East.

Mission, airmen and family are the priorities of the Air Force, Lasica said.

Lasica referred to Sumter's motto of "Uncommon Patriotism" and how fully invested Shaw Air Force Base is

in the community, especially during times of deployment.

Even so, Lasica said those deployments challenge retention in the armed forces.

The average airman and his or her family moves six to 10 times during an Air Force career.

Lasica pointed to the local schools and how South Carolina must work to improve them.

Another sticking point with most of the base commanders was the pending law regarding the REAL ID Act, under which state identifications may not be usable to get on military bases effective Sept. 30.

A second ID would be required if the law is not changed.



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COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster is predicting a smooth transition should Gov. Nikki Haley be approved as President-elect Trump's U.N. ambassador, and he takes the state's top job.

In his first public comments since Trump tapped Haley for the job, McMaster said he knows "much work has to be done" to improve the state's schools, roads and infrastructure. The lieutenant governor stood in for Haley at

the governor's annual session with top U.S. military commanders in the state.

They asked McMaster for help in getting Congress to stand against new Pentagon budget cuts. Several also said their service members are looking for improvements in local schools attended by their children.

The officers represented the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard and South Carolina National Guard.

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Memories of politics, Pearl Harbor

Two of my memories dominated my thoughts last week. One was connected to the question of how state Sen. Hugh Leatherman will deal with possible succession to the No. 2 in state government, and the other came when the calendar reminded me of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Leatherman, R-Florence, is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and president pro tem of the Senate, which gives Florence probably its greatest clout ever in the legislature. It also happens that Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster probably soon will become governor after Gov. Nikki Haley's expected resignation.

Leatherman as president pro tem of the Senate is next in line to replace McMaster, but if he moved "up," it would amount to a demotion. The lieutenant governor has little power. Leatherman now is considered the most powerful person in state government.

It reminded me of a drama I saw played out in the 1960s during my days covering the Statehouse. Robert McNair was lieutenant governor, and when Gov. Donald Russell resigned to take a vacant U.S. Senate seat, McNair became governor and Edgar Brown of Barnwell County was next in line for lieutenant governor. He held the same two titles Leatherman has today.

But Brown just left the lieutenant governor's office vacant, keeping his two powerful positions. Then the drama. State Sen. Roger Scott of Dillon submitted his resignation, but Brown ignored it.

He apparently feared that if he accepted the resignation, he would



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be acting as lieutenant governor and would lose his prized Senate positions. Scott's resignation was not acknowledged. So next session he was back serving as a senator. There were suspicions that Scott, quite a character, had been put up to offering a resignation to force Brown into the unwanted lieutenant governor's post.

Maybe Leatherman could abandon the pro tem post and remain Finance Committee chairman or could just ignore the whole thing as Brown did. Anyway, Brown stayed in his Senate jobs and in the next election, the vacancy was filled, and everyone lived happily thereafter.

Looking at the calendar while thinking about this column, I was reminded that Wednesday is Dec. 7, and that day in 1941 was a biggie.

I had talked my parents into going to Merritt's Lunch on South Irby for lunch that day, something I tried often but rarely succeeded. We sat in the car waiting for curb service when a guy alone in the car beside us was listening to his radio.

He asked my father, "Did you hear that?" We had not, so the guy told him the radio said the Japanese were busily bombing Pearl Harbor. There had been much concern that we might get

involved in World War II, which had been underway for two years, and this would do it.

My first question was "What is Pearl Harbor?" After explaining that to me, my father said, "There will be an Extra." He worked in the Morning News back shop and figured the paper would produce an Extra, something that happened when the biggest news broke at a time of day that would create a market for some information. In those days, radio did not meet the readers' needs like print, and TV was a mysterious rumor that materialized after WWII.

He let me go to work with him, and I watched all the hustle to get on the street before out-of-town papers' Extras got here. Having free run of the place, I found the press crew not watching and grabbed a bunch of the first papers off the press, ran out the back door, up the alley beside the old Hotel Florence and I'm pretty sure I had the first Extras on the street. I drew a crowd and made some money.

I almost bought the farm that evening when I sold a paper to a man stopped for a red light at Evans and Dargan. Hurrying back to the sidewalk as the light changed, I didn't see a car coming, and I turned and ran into the side of it. I fell stunned in the middle of Dargan and drew another crowd, but I was just shaken up a bit and went on selling my papers. I survived, and that day is tops in my memories.

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Maybe Trump knows exactly what he's doing with picks

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When Donald Trump was elected president three weeks ago, many Democrats — and even some Republicans — openly fretted about whom he would pick to be in his Cabinet. Would he appoint only loyalists who affirmed his views? People with zero experience? People no one had ever heard of?

With the announcement Thursday of Gen. James Mattis as his pick for secretary of defense, Trump continues to demonstrate that those early worries were way off base. In fact, Trump's Cabinet choices — and some of his potential choices — reflect a political savviness that many people haven't been willing to grant the president-elect.

Let's break it down.

Trump has, without doubt, installed a handful of trusted allies in both senior staff roles and Cabinet positions. Choosing Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama, for attorney general is one obvious example. But, whether or not you agree with Sessions's views — and Democrats don't — he's not someone whose résumé suggests he couldn't do the job. He's been in the Senate since 1996 and before that was a U.S. attorney and was nominated for a federal judgeship by President Ronald Reagan in 1985. (Sessions's nomination was scuttled by the Senate due to racially charged comments he had made in the past.)

Yes, in picking Michael Flynn for national security adviser and Stephen Bannon as his senior counselor, Trump has put controversial allies by his side. But installing loyalists in a handful of key positions is nothing new. Every president does some form of this — from Karl Rove, Karen Hughes and Joe Allbaugh for George W. Bush to David Plouffe and David Axelrod for President Obama. That's not to say that Axelrod = Bannon. But it is to point out that all presidents surround themselves with a small group of people they trust implicitly.

In his choice of Mattis, Rep. Tom Price for health and human services and Elaine Chao for transportation, Trump has gone outside of his direct inner circle and chosen people who are,

by almost any estimation, qualified for the jobs to which they have been nominated. No, they aren't the people Hillary Clinton would have picked if she had won the White House 24 days ago. But, when you win, you get to pick who you want, not someone the other party likes. And that trio is decidedly within the normal bounds of Republican politics. You could see a President Marco Rubio, for example, making any one of those three picks. Or a President Lindsey Graham.

Gen. Mattis will provide great leadership to the Department of Defense and President-elect Trump will find his advice to be invaluable.

Then there is the willingness Trump has shown to put former vocal rivals in key slots.

The big name there is South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, Trump's nominee as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Haley endorsed Florida Sen. Rubio and then Texas Sen. Ted Cruz during the GOP presidential primaries and repeatedly spoke out against Trump and his comments about women. Cynics note that by naming Haley as U.N. ambassador, Trump elevates Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a longtime ally, to the governor's mansion. Sure! But, that's smart politics, too! Trump brings a former rival into a senior position in his administration and rewards a trusted loyalist. Win-win.

Speaking of smart politics, Trump met Friday with Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-North Dakota, at Trump Tower. On Thursday, Heitkamp put out a statement that left the door wide open to accepting a position in the Trump administration, possibly as agriculture secretary. If she took that job, it would be a major coup for Republicans, who would be nearly certain to pick up her Senate seat, which is up for reelection in conservative North Dakota in 2018. Heitkamp's sitdown with the president-elect comes as rumors that Sen. Joe Manchin,

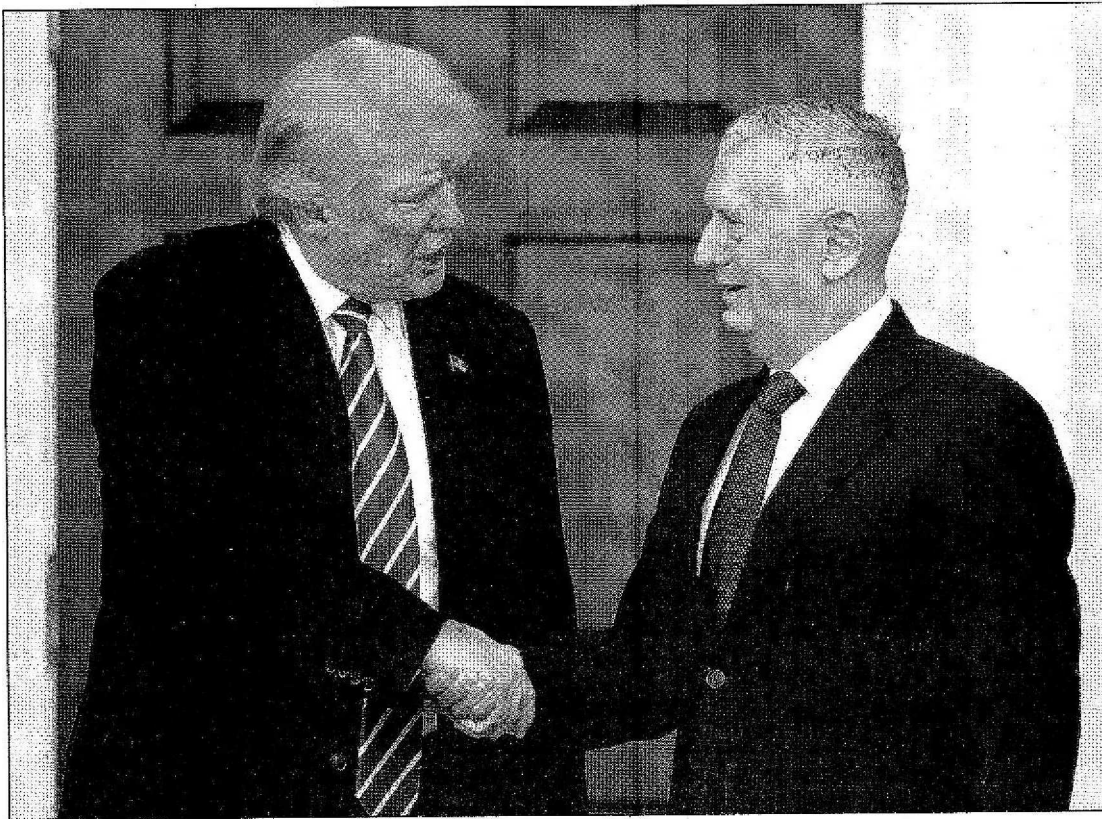
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D-West Virginia, is a candidate for energy secretary. Manchin was noncommittal about the possibility of taking such a job if offered, but if Trump could lure him away from the Senate that would be another almost certain Republican pickup in 2018 since Manchin is probably the only Democrat who could hold a seat in such a conservative state.

The one major Cabinet pick that is still outstanding is secretary of state and, depending on what Trump does, it will either bolster my theory that he deserves more credit than he's getting for his Cabinet picks, or it will take that theory down a few pegs. The four candidates are former Gen. David Petraeus, 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Picking Romney would be the most newsworthy and would affirm my

theory of Trump's surprisingly savvy approach to Cabinet selection. Corker and, to a slightly lesser extent, Petraeus would also broadly confirm the idea that Trump isn't solely picking people he agrees with or are nice to him. A Giuliani pick, particularly given the mayor's total lack of foreign policy experience while in office, would undermine some of Trump's other Cabinet selections that have reached beyond his loyalists.

Still, viewed as of today with Hweikamp and Manchin potentially in play and Mattis and Haley already picked, it's hard to say that the doomsday predictions for Trump's Cabinet have come true — or anything close. What we've seen so far is a smart melange of close allies, well-respected establishment types and a few picks with helpful political repercussions for the party Trump now leads. Give credit where credit is due.



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President-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with his choice for defense secretary, retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis.

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Elaine Chao

Elaine Chao's record as secretary of labor suggests she'd have a light hand when it comes to safety regulation as head of the Transportation Department and would seek to shift responsibility from the federal government to states where possible.

President-elect Donald Trump announced Tuesday that Chao was his choice for the Cabinet post. "Secretary Chao's extensive record of strong leadership and her expertise are invaluable assets in our mission to rebuild our infrastructure in a fiscally responsible manner," Trump said in a statement.

Chao said Trump "has outlined a clear vision to transform our country's infrastructure, accelerate economic growth and productivity, and create good paying jobs across the country."

Chao, 63, was labor secretary under President George W. Bush and the first Asian-American woman to serve in a president's Cabinet. She also is the wife of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, which might be of some help if Trump is to fulfill his promise of generating \$1 trillion in infrastructure spending.

Chao's record suggests she'd be skeptical of new safety regulations and may attempt to roll back existing regulations. Under Chao, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration at Labor didn't issue a single significant new safety regulation for four years, and the department's mine safety inspectors were cut and inspections reduced, said Thomas McGarity, a University of Texas law professor.

Among the pressing issues facing the next transportation secretary will be how to boost the nation's aging infrastructure so that it can accommodate population growth and not

become a drag on the economy, modernizing the nation's air traffic control system, ensuring that new transportation technologies are adopted in a safe manner and responding to a surge in traffic fatalities.

Chao came to the United States from Taiwan with her family at age 8. Her family settled in New York, where her father, James Si-Cheng Chao, became a wealthy shipping magnate.

Chao received her undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard. She went on to become head of the Peace Corps and deputy secretary at the Transportation Department. She was head of the United Way of America and worked at the Heritage Foundation, a Washington think tank, before becoming labor secretary.

— The Associated Press

ALSO ANNOUNCED

- » **Treasury:** Steven Mnuchin
- » **Defense:** Gen. James Mattis
- » **Attorney General:** Jeff Sessions
- » **Commerce:** Wilbur Ross
- » **Health and Human Services:** Rep. Tom Price
- » **Education:** Betsy DeVos
- » **National Security Adviser:** Mike Flynn
- » **U.N. Ambassador:** Nikki Haley
- » **White House Chief of Staff:** Reince Priebus
- » **Chief adviser:** Steve Bannon

Yet to be announced

- » Secretary of State
- » Secretary of the Interior
- » Secretary of Agriculture
- » Secretary of Labor
- » Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- » Secretary of Energy
- » Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- » Secretary of Homeland Security



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Editorial

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Thumbs up to Gov. Nikki Haley and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster. Haley has been appointed by President-elect Donald Trump as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. McMaster will ascend to governor, the job he has always wanted. It's a win-win proposition, pending approval by the U.S. Senate.

Haley has aspired to a national role and is getting it in a cabinet-level position. No telling what kind of springboard this could be for her future in Washington.

The move is surprising, given her strong opposition to Trump before the South Carolina primary and Republican National Convention. She has been an exceptional economic ambassador for South Carolina, but the daughter of Indian immigrants lacks experience in foreign policy and diplomacy.

She led the state well after a Charleston church massacre, the so-called Thousand-Year Flood and Hurricane Matthew. She also clashed with the General Assembly in general and S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman of Florence, in particular. She endorsed one of his opponents in a bitter

primary race.

We believe the easygoing McMaster will work well with our legislators. Now maybe a much-needed gas-tax increase without strings attached will stand a chance so South Carolina can fix its crumbling roads.

As the nation's first statewide official to endorse Trump, McMaster was being mentioned for a possible role in Washington. That could have opened the door for Leatherman to ascend to governor, which would have presented a dilemma. He's more powerful as the president pro tempore of the Senate and the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. He certainly is more powerful than the lieutenant governor, a largely ceremonial position, which is why he is expected to step down as president pro tempore to avoid that "promotion." McMaster endorsed Leatherman before the Republican primary. We look forward to a solid relationship between the two for the good of South Carolina.

— *From The Morning News of Florence*