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“Sources tell me Donald Trump is now considering Governor Nikki Haley for Secretary of State,” Scarborough said. Spokespeople for Haley did not immediately return emails or phone calls seeking additional information.

Haley has led trade missions to countries including India, Sweden and Germany, but her foreign policy experience is otherwise limited. The U.S. secretary of state is one of the highest-ranking foreign policy officials in the federal government.

Haley would be an unlikely pick for a Trump administration cabinet, considering her past friction with the incoming president. Haley endorsed U.S.

Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida in South Carolina’s Republican primary, which Trump won. After Rubio withdrew from the race, Haley endorsed Sen. Ted Cruz over Trump. Once Trump became the nominee, Haley said she would vote for him based on “policy,” but that she did not like his “personality.”

During her response to President Barack Obama’s state of the union address, Haley urged fellow Republicans not to follow the “siren call of the angriest voices,” a phrase many interpreted to be a reference to Trump. After that address, Trump tweeted, “The people of South Carolina are embarrassed by Nikki Haley!”

Haley responded, “Bless your heart.”

At a meeting of the Republican Governor’s Association this week, Haley told reporters she was “just giddy” at the prospect of a Trump administration because she had not previously governed while a Republican president served in office. Haley was elected vice-chair of the RGA at that meeting.



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Gov. Nikki Haley is taking a bigger leadership role in the Republican Governors Association, boosting her national profile. The association said Wednesday that Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker was elected chairman for 2017, and Haley was elected vice chairwoman. The posts take effect immediately. The move means Haley will likely ascend to chairwoman in 2018, the last year of her tenure. The Republican Governors Association held its annual conference this week. Haley's predecessor as governor also led the group. Mark Sanford resigned as chairman in 2009 after admitting an extramarital affair. — AP



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COLUMBIA — South Carolina Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster told The Post and Courier in Charleston on Wednesday that he and Gov. Nikki Haley are being considered for Cabinet positions in President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

McMaster said Haley is being considered for several Cabinet posts including secretary of state. McMaster, one of Trump's earliest statewide political endorsers, said the daughter of Indian immigrants could provide a fresh set of eyes on foreign affairs.

"It would be like how Mr. Trump is bringing fresh eyes to running our government," he said.

McMaster said he has been speaking with the Trump transition team about becoming attorney general. McMaster was a U.S. attorney and



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the elected state attorney general before becoming lieutenant governor.

He said he started speaking with the Trump transition team soon after the New York billionaire clinched the election last week. McMaster said he spoke again with the team earlier Wednesday.

McMaster has been weighing a run for governor but said he would do whatever he could to help Trump. He said he did not know if he would take a role as a deputy to the attorney general.

McMaster said he would tackle growing problems with drugs and human trafficking as attorney general. He also would work for better coordination between state and federal law enforcement. If he's appointed attorney general, McMaster



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said he would need to look at the facts before launching any investigation of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server when she was secretary of state.

Haley, who is in her second and final term as governor, has clashed with Trump over some of his foreign policy proposals, notably a temporary ban on Muslims entering the country. But the pair apparently have repaired their relationship as Haley voiced support for Trump as Election Day approached.

Calls to Haley's media spokesmen were not immediately returned Wednesday. A Trump spokesman also did not respond to phone and text messages asking for comment.

Trump sources in South Carolina recognized there has been a healing since the heated primary season.

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"We appreciate what she did for Donald Trump in the campaign," said Ed McMullen, who was South Carolina chairman and a national adviser for the Trump campaign.

A source with knowledge of the Trump tran-

sition team's discussions confirmed McMaster's news about the president-elect possibly appointing South Carolina's top two politicians.

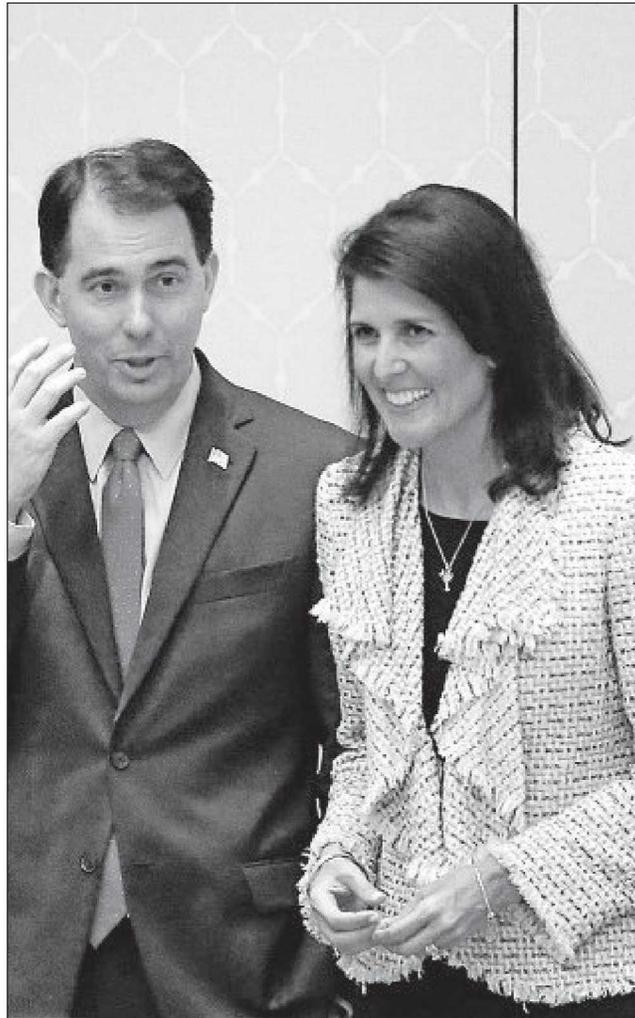
News of the pair being considered was well-received by other state figures. South Carolina

Republican Party Chairman Matt Moore said both would be "great additions to a Cabinet team," pointing out that other S.C. Republicans have served, including former governor Jim Edwards, who was energy secretary for Ronald Reagan. Former House Speaker

David Wilkins was George W. Bush's ambassador to Canada.

One point of intrigue, if the two were to leave at once, is that the vacancies would elevate Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman to governor.

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Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, left, speaks with South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley before a news conference at the Republican Governors Association annual conference Tuesday in Orlando, Florida.

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Editorial

Aiken domestic violence grant shows forward thinking

There is absolutely no excuse for domestic violence in a civilized society. It is a despicable, cowardly act that's far too common here in South Carolina.

So pervasive is domestic violence that South Carolina lawmakers passed legislation in 2015 to beef up the state's antiquated domestic violence statute. The new law places gun ownership restrictions on some offenders and tightens penalties. Gov. Nikki Haley has also formed a criminal domestic violence task force.

These reforms came in the wake of a Pulitzer Prize winning investigation by our sister newspaper, the *Post and Courier* in Charleston. These are steps in the right direction, though it's telling that it took a newspaper report highlighting the problem to prompt lawmakers to act.

Combating domestic violence took another step forward Monday, this time in Aiken, where it was announced the Aiken Department of Public Safety received a grant to hire a domestic violence investigator.

It will be the investigator's job to focus solely on the scourge that is domestic violence.

Public Safety Chief Charles Barranco announced the more than \$88,000 grant on Monday, which comes with a 10 percent local match. The grant was funded through the South Carolina Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. He told Council having a dedicated investigator to work with the offenders and by referring them to support agencies would help reduce occurrences of domestic violence.

Last year, 47 South Carolinians were killed by their partners — 35 female and 12 male,

according to the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. In Aiken County last year, four people were killed by their partners — three women and one man.

The state has always maintained a top five spot on the Violence Policy Center's report of women who are murdered by men. According to the latest report in 2014, the state dropped to fifth, with a rate of 1.73 per 100,000 people in 2014, a drop from 2013 where 2.32 women were killed per 100,000 people.

Those statistics are sobering, yet with the addition of a local domestic violence investigator, we hope it will raise awareness of domestic violence across the county and decrease the number of domestic violence-related deaths per year.

The move to hire the investigator has already received the support of residents, including Susan Selden, the director of the Cumbee Center for Abused Persons.

"This investigator will have in-depth training in the new domestic violence laws as well as an understanding of the traumatic impact that domestic abuse has on a victim," she said. "Specialized trauma-informed training will aid the investigator in recognizing signs of violence that most law enforcement may not perceive due to victims' fear of speaking out or lack of obvious physical bruising."

No one should be subjected to violence, and violence from one partner to another is reprehensible.

Hopefully this new position will help South Carolina chip away from the top five.

Let us find a way to be in the top spot for something better.

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S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster are contenders for positions in President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet.

Trump's transition team approached McMaster, a former S.C. attorney general, about possibly being U.S. attorney general.

"I've been asked if I would be interested," said McMaster, who was the first statewide elected official nationally to endorse Trump.

In addition, members of Trump's presidential transition team have discussed Haley as a potential secretary of state and for at least one other position, McMaster said, declining to name the other position.

"Her name has been mentioned," McMaster said, adding,

"The depths of consideration for the various names that have been mentioned for various things, I couldn't tell you."

MSNBC's Joe Scarborough tweeted Wednesday that Haley, a second-term governor, reportedly is being considered by the Trump transition team for secretary of state.

Other names being floated for the nation's chief diplomat include: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former U.N. ambassador John Bolton.

The choice of Haley would be surprising.

She opposed Trump during the GOP's primary season, endorsing

first U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and, after Rubio dropped out, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, the last Trump challenger.

As a governor, Haley has limited foreign policy experience other than trips abroad - to Europe, the Far East and India - for business recruitment. Also, she was elected vice chair of the Republican Governors Association on Wednesday and is expected to become chairman of that group in 2018.

The governor's office declined to comment Wednesday on the speculation.

McMaster, meanwhile, previously has said he planned to run for the GOP nomination for governor in 2018, when Haley is term limited.



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Reports: Top Republicans could be up for cabinet posts

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Gov. Nikki Haley might be one choice for the president-elect's top diplomat, according to a former Republican congressman.

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Joe Scarborough, now a host of MSNBC's Morning Joe, tweeted Wednesday, 'Sources tell me Donald Trump is now considering Governor Nikki Haley for Secretary of State.'

She might not be the only top South Carolina Republican under consideration

for a top post.

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster, a former state attorney general, told several news outlets that Trump's transition team reached out to him to see if he might be interested in being U.S. attorney general. He also confirmed that Haley is under consideration for several positions, including secretary of state.

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If Haley and McMaster were to leave their posts at the same time, Senate president pro tempore Hugh Leatherman would become governor.

Other candidates for secretary of state include former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, though his consulting work for foreign

governments has emerged as a potential roadblock, as well as John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, a loyal Trump supporter, is in contention for multiple jobs, including Pentagon chief and attorney general. Texas Sen. Ted

Cruz, who fiercely challenged Trump during the GOP primary but ultimately endorsed him for president, is also among those being considered for the attorney general post, though he is not viewed as a top contender, according to a senior transition official.

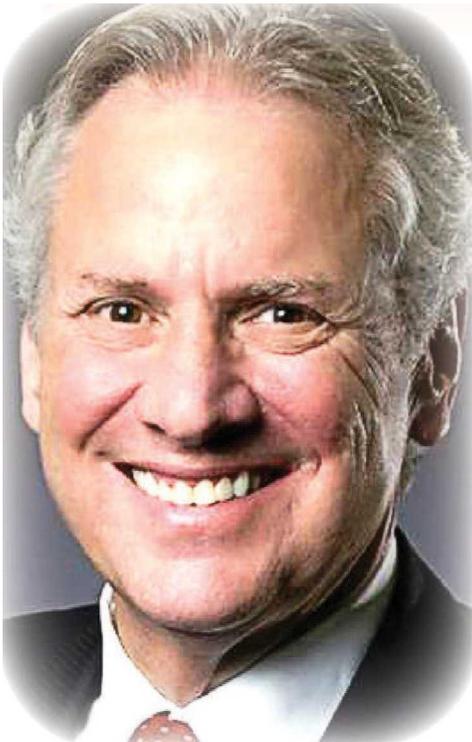
Trump named Republican National Committee

Chairman Reince Priebus as his chief of staff and flame-throwing media mogul Steve Bannon as his chief strategist, calling them 'equal partners.' He has not announced any other high profile appointments.

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