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## Constitution Party candidate in S.C House District 89 race

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Robert Lampley is running for S.C. House Seat 89 as the Constitution Party candidate.

He said he is the voice for the working class and he wants freedom for all.

"I stand on the Declaration of Independence for all people," Lampley



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writes in his political literature. And "Securing life and liberty for all" and offering new leadership in South Carolina for the overtaxed working people," are his other declarations.

Lampley described himself as a blue collar worker who has a college degree.

He majored in administrative management at Clemson University, but he said he was not cut out for office work. Lampley drives a truck for Ryder Logistics.

"I'm a populist," Lampley said. "I'm not a crony capitalist."

He differentiates himself from the current political elites.

"Most politicians accept do-

nations and favors from international corporations for special favors from our government. I want first to work to stop that practice and protect the working people, wage earners and small businesses and their families. I am against the crony capitalism and clandestine control of our government by wealthy elites," Lampley said.

He said deals that brought Amazon, BMW, Volvo and Boeing to South Carolina give too many incentives to big companies, while small businesses do not get those advantages.

He also said he is not in favor of Gov. Nikki Haley's more centrist direction but supports Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Born in Greenville and a graduate of Eastside High School, Lampley said he is pro-education, but he is not "big on public education."

He is running against Republican Micah Caskey and Democrat Rosamunda "Peggy" Butler.

Lampley has lived in Cayce since 2002. He and his wife Cindy have three children, Lauren, Jake and Laurelgayle.

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# Gov. Haley signs gun reciprocity bill in N.A.

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A ceremonial signing by Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina's gun reciprocity bill took place in one of the counties the bill arguably affects the most.

Haley officially signed the bill into law on June 3, but was on hand Aug. 24 to personally commemorate the occasion.

"It's a great day in South Carolina. We could not be more excited about what is happening today," Haley said. "It's a great

whether they are acknowledging the law."

The bill allows gun owners to carry lawfully between South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina.

State Rep. Bill Hixon, R-North Augusta, the primary sponsor of the bill, said since he joined the State House of

day in Georgia. It's a great day in North Carolina. What we've done is we've acknowledged responsible citizens, ... and we've acknowledged the fact that everybody should be able to move through our states and never doubt

Representatives in 2011, gun reciprocity was one of the top requests from his constituents in the Palmetto State's riverfront city.

Hixon, standing among members of South Carolina and Georgia delegations in the Palmetto Terrace room of the North Augusta Municipal Building, said the issue of being able to legally carry between South Carolina and Georgia may be hard for those who live in other parts of the state to understand, but for residents in Aiken County and Augusta, who make the daily drive across state lines, the bill is necessary.

"You have to explain to people where we live. North Augusta is a special place; I'm looking at Augusta," Hixon said while describing the proximity of

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the two cities. "But you have to explain to the senators and the House members that live in Columbia who never go to another state in a day - I mean I've already been to Augusta twice today. I'll go over there two or three more times today, and when you go back and forth across that line we don't think anything of it."

In addition to residents who regularly travel between the states for work or retail purposes, the bill also can affect tourism.

County: Aiken "We want them to come

visit South Carolina; tourism in South Carolina, vacation by second homes, all of that. It gets in the way of all of that if they can't legally do it because no one wants to break the law," Haley said. "So, if they've gotten their (concealed weapons permit) in Georgia, we want them to be able to go to the beach in South Carolina and not have to worry about anything happening, the same with North Carolina."

Haley added, "It's very important that any law-abiding citizen, that does go through the proper channels, that they do not feel

like South Carolina is not welcoming to them."

Lee Byrd, of North Augusta, and a member of the Marine

Corps League of North Augusta and the Riverfront Marines, said the bill is important for him because it allows him to legally protect himself and his family by carrying across state lines.

"It's a big deal for veterans and non-veterans alike to be able to do this," Byrd said. "The way

things are now in our country with crime as rampant as it is, it just gives us just a little bit more protection for our families."

Haley said the bill is an example of what sister states can do for the good of their residents.

"I've always considered Georgia a sister state and Gov. (Nathan) Deal and I have a great relationship, and I hope that we can continue to work together," she said.

"We have a great relationship with the state of Georgia, and we only want to make that stronger," the governor continued.

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“We have a lot of South Carolinians that work in Georgia, we have a lot of Georgians that work in South Carolina, and they should never worry about whether they are in violation of

the law.” Haley said as issues across the country “get noticed and as people get more concerned with what’s happening, never forget it’s the responsible ones we’re fighting for.”

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**Hixon**

Title: **Clemson Clash: Swinney, Gov. Haley Split Over Helmets for Moped Riders**  
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## Clemson Clash: Swinney, Gov. Haley Split Over Helmets for Moped Riders

Clemson University football coach Dabo Swinney and Gov. Nikki Haley, a Clemson graduate, have differing opinions when it comes to the state's moped and helmet laws. *The Post and Courier's* Maya Prabhu reports that Swinney wants everyone in the state who rides a moped or motorcycle to wear a helmet. "I mean, I need some help from the state," Swinney said. "Dadgumnest thing I've ever seen in my life, that we allow people to go 80 miles an hour up the interstate with no helmet. We got a seat belt law, but no helmets?" Haley, meanwhile, vetoed a bill that would have made everyone under 21 wear safety

equipment while riding a moped. "I believe that adults over the age of 18 — who are allowed to vote and serve our military — should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," Haley wrote in her June 10 veto message to lawmakers. "Mandating that adults must wear helmets and safety vests is government overreach."

— *Chris Trainor*

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### **Salute to business**

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce has planned its Salute to Business Luncheon featuring South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. The governor will discuss how the state plans to position itself for the continued growth and success of new and existing businesses in South Carolina.

The luncheon will take place at noon Sept. 8 at the North Charleston Convention Center - Ballroom A, 5001 Coliseum Dr. in North Charleston. The cost is \$50 for members and

\$60 for non-members. Call to RSVP at 843-761-8238 or 843-577-9549. Sponsorships are still available.

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# School board to open meetings with prayer

**BY BRENDA RINDGE**  
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Berkeley County School Board in September will again open its meetings with a prayer, despite the threat of a lawsuit.

The board voted unanimously Aug. 23 on the final reading of a policy change that adds a section called "Public Invocation."

For years, the board opened its bimonthly meetings with the Lord's Prayer, but stopped the practice in June after the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a Wash-

ington D.C.-based nonprofit, warned that such prayers are a violation of the Establishment clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

In July, state Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, sent a letter to board members — signed by 50 legislators — citing a 2014 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, which reaffirmed the right to pray at public meetings.

Also, Gov. Nikki Haley signed an amendment to the Public Prayer and Invocation Act on June 3 that includes the state's school boards as being as "deliberative bodies" with the right to open meetings with an invocation.

Berkeley's policy cites state law to underscore its right to open its meetings with a public prayer.

The new policy says future invocations will be nonsectarian, nondenominational and "will

not proselytize for or advance any one or disparage any other, faith or belief."

Board members and members of the public are not required to participate.

However, Americans United says that the Constitution supersedes state law, and it said the Supreme Court case does not apply to school boards. A spokesman said earlier this month that the group will consider legal action.

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**TASTE OF SC – Jonesville Elementary/Middle School is hosting a new after-school program for middle school students sponsored by the Original Six Foundation chaired by Gov. Nikki Haley. The program will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, and will operate Monday through Thursday from 3-5 p.m., offering homework assistance, enrichment activities, social skill development, community involvement, technology and mentoring services. To kick off the program, Principal Kathy Taylor, Assistant Principal Erica Murdaugh and Reading Coach Crystal Bryant, attended the Original Six Foundation's Taste of South Carolina event Aug. 21, on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion. The event was held in appreciation of sponsors and to recognize communities receiving assistance in the areas of education and work force readiness.**