

From: Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>
To:
Date: 6/22/2015 5:41:10 PM
Subject: Afternoon Clips – Monday, June 22, 2015

Afternoon Clips – Monday, June 22, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC governor calls for Confederate flag to come down

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gf5iLk5Y

Seanna Adcox, Jeffrey Collins, Meg Kinnard

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday the Confederate flag should be removed from the grounds of the state capitol, reversing her position on the divisive symbol amid growing calls for it to be removed. The Republican's about-face comes after nine black church members were gunned down, allegedly by a young white man who embraced the flag as a symbol of white supremacy.

Note: "150 years after the end of the Civil War, the time has come," Haley said after rousing applause, surrounded by Democrats and Republican lawmakers. "That flag, while an integral part of the past, does not represent the future of our great state"

Post and Courier: Haley: Now is the time to remove Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC1603/150629833>

Gov. Nikki Haley moments ago called for the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds, saying the killings of nine church-goers at Emanuel AME in Charleston last week mandated a change in the state's heart. In a bi-partisan gathering inside the Statehouse, Haley said the state "stared evil in the eye" last week when a lone gunman entered the church and opened fire.

Note: "The events of the past week call on us to look at this in a different way," Haley said, adding that now is the time "to remove the flag from the capitol grounds."

Greenville News: Haley: Move Confederate flag from capitol grounds

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/06/22/south-carolina-confederate-flag/29108665/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley, surrounded by lawmakers and other prominent figures, on Monday afternoon called for the Confederate flag to be removed from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds.

Note: For many in South Carolina "the flag is a deeply offensive symbol," she said. "Today, we are here in a moment of unity in our state without ill will to say it's time to move the flag from the capitol grounds," Haley said.

The State: Haley calls for Confederate flag's removal

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article25157617.html>

Andrew Shain

Republican Haley, the state's first minority and first woman governor, acted after renewed calls for removing of the flag in the wake of the massacre at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church last week, where nine people, including state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, D-Jasper, were killed by a 21-year-old white supremacist.

Note: "It's time to move the (Confederate) flag from the Capitol grounds," Haley said, flanked by several state lawmakers at the State House during a news conference Monday afternoon. "One hundred and fifty years after the Civil War, the time has come."

New York Times: Haley of South Carolina Calls for Removal of Confederate Battle Flag

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/23/us/south-carolina-confederate-flag-dylann-roof.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share&_r=0

Frances Robles, Richard Perez-Pena

Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina on Monday called for removal of a Confederate battle flag from the State Capitol grounds, taking sides on an emotional issue, after the white man accused of killing nine black people was seen brandishing that flag in widely circulated pictures.

Note: While Governor Haley said that residents have the right to show the Confederate battle flag on private

property, "the State House is different, and the events of this past week call upon us to look at this in a different way."

NBC News: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley Calls for Removal of Confederate Flag From State Capitol
<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/charleston-church-shooting/south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-calls-removal-confederate-flag-state-n379801>

Elisha Fieldstadt

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called for the removal of the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state Capitol Monday.

Note: "Today, we are here in a moment of unity in our state, without ill will, to say it is time to move the flag from the Capitol grounds," Haley said during a news conference attended by Republican senators Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott and other state leaders.

Note: "There will be a time for discussion and debate, but the time for action is coming soon," Haley said. "We know bringing down the flag will not bring back the nine victims," but "we will not allow the symbol to divide us any longer."

Fox News: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley calls for Confederate flag to be removed from statehouse
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/06/22/south-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-calls-for-confederate-flag-to-be-removed-from/>

In a break from her own position, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday called for the removal of the Confederate flag from statehouse grounds. "The time has come," she said to applause. Haley joined other state leaders, including Republican state Sen. Tim Scott and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, in calling for the removal of the flag.

Note: "Today we are here at a moment of unity in our state, with no ill will, to say it is time to move the flag from the capitol grounds," Haley said.

WCIV: Haley: 'It's time to move the flag from the Capitol grounds'

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/29379729/haley-its-time-to-move-the-flag-from-the-capitol-grounds>

Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday afternoon said it was time for the Confederate Battle Flag that flies on the Statehouse grounds to be removed. The announcement was met with cheers from the crowd.

Note: "We are not going to allow this symbol to divide us any longer," she said, flanked by lawmakers from the Statehouse and the U.S. House and Senate.

Note: "The flag stands for a tradition of history and heritage, but the person who committed the hate-filled murder has a sick and twisted view of the flag," she said. "It does not represent the people of our state. Some see it as a memorial, a symbol of duty. This is not hate, nor is it racism."

WACH: Haley: "It's time to move the flag from capital grounds"

<http://www.wach.com/news/story.aspx?id=1220889#.VYhzFPIVhBc>

Governor Nikki Haley spoke in front of a large audience, including state lawmakers Monday afternoon asking them to take down the Confederate Flag from State House grounds. "It's time to move the flag from capital grounds," said Haley, which was followed by a loud ovation.

Note: "It is my hope that in moving a symbol that divides us, we can move the state forward and honor the souls who are now in heaven," said Haley

Politico: S.C. governor: Remove Confederate flag from state Capitol

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/06/nikki-haley-confederate-flag-capitol-south-carolina-remove-119297.html#ixzz3dpRgx13e>

Adam B. Lerner

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley called for the Confederate battle flag to be taken down from out in front of the state Capitol on Monday.

Note: "For many people in our state, the flag stands for traditions that are noble," said Haley. "At the same time for many others in South Carolina, the flag is a deeply offensive symbol of a brutally oppressive past."

Note: "We do not need to declare a winner and a loser here," recognizing that the debate should continue over whether or not South Carolinians fly the flag in private, "but the statehouse is different," she said.

TIME: South Carolina Governor Calls for Removal of Confederate Flag From Statehouse Grounds

<http://time.com/3930715/south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-confederate-flag/>

Sam Frizell, Sarah Begley

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley called on Monday for the removal of the Confederate flag from the

Capitol grounds in Columbia, reshaping a heated debate over race and the flag's meaning in a state devastated by last week's massacre at a historic black church.

Note: "For many people in our state, the flag stands for traditions that are noble," she said in a news conference at the state Capitol, in front of American and South Carolina state flags. "For many others in South Carolina, the flag is a deeply offensive symbol."

Reuters: South Carolina governor calls for Confederate flag's removal

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/22/us-usa-shooting-south-carolina-idUSKBN0P21TU20150622>

Harriet McLeod, Luciana Lopez, Alana Wise

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley on Monday called on lawmakers to take down the Confederate battle flag in the state capitol, a week after a white gunman allegedly shot dead nine black worshipers at a historic church.

Note: "It's time to move the flag from the capitol grounds," Haley, a Republican, told reporters. The flag was a symbol of the pro-slavery South during the U.S. Civil War. "This is a moment in which we can say that the flag, while an integral part of our past, does not represent the future of our great state."

Bloomberg: South Carolina Governor Says Confederate Flag Should Come Down

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-06-22/south-carolina-officials-call-for-confederate-flag-to-come-down>

Mark Niquette

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley called for removing the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds after the fatal shooting of nine in a historic black church in Charleston. Meanwhile, President Barack Obama said he would attend the funeral of the pastor gunned down in an attack that focused the nation's attention on its lingering legacy of racial hatred.

Note: "That flag, while an integral part of our past, does not represent the future," Haley said. "By removing a symbol that divides us, we can move forward as a state in harmony."

Greenville News: Clemson's Clements wants Confederate flag to come down

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2015/06/22/clemsons-clements-wants-confederate-flag-come/29125401/>

Nathaniel Cary

Clemson President Jim Clements has joined the call to removed the Confederate flag from the South Carolina statehouse grounds. Just after Gov. Nikki Haley held a press conference to call for the flag's removal, Clements sent a tweet that read "I join Gov. Haley and other South Carolina leaders in calling for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the State House grounds."

S.C. Confederate Flag News:

Greenville News: Greenville mayor calls for flag's removal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/06/22/greenville-mayor-calls-flags-removal/29126163/>

Eric Connor

The mayor of Greenville has backed the governor's call to remove the Confederate battle flag flying on the grounds of the state Capitol. "I am proud that our governor called for the flag's removal," Mayor Knox White said following Gov. Nikki Haley's call today for legislators to remove the flag following the mass murder of nine black churchgoers in Charleston last week.

Post and Courier: Bipartisan group of Charleston-area politicians calls for lowering of Confederate flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC16/150629832>

Andrew Knapp, Brenda Rindge

A bipartisan group of local politician joined activists and religious leaders Monday in calling for state lawmakers to remove the Confederate battle flag from Statehouse grounds after the death of nine people at a downtown Charleston church.

Post and Courier: Charleston chamber of commerce calls for Confederate flag's removal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC05/150629808>

Warren L. Wise

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce joined others Monday in calling for removal of the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds through a swift solution. The chamber said it believes the flags of

the state of South Carolina and the United States of America, representing the sovereignty under which the state of South Carolina exists, should be the only flags displayed at the State House.

Greenville News: Greer mayor calls for Confederate flag's removal

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/greer/2015/06/22/greer-mayor-calls-confederate-flags-removal/29120877/>

Michael Burns

Cries of pain, vows of unity and pleas to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds echoed through Greer Monday afternoon as more than 100 local residents gathered at Maple Creek Missionary Baptist Church for a prayer service honoring nine victims of an apparently racially motivated mass murder in Charleston.

Post and Courier: South Carolina AD Ray Tanner calls for removal of Confederate flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC20/150629814>

Jeff Hartsell

In the wake of the shootings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina athletic director Ray Tanner has lent his voice to those calling for the removal of the Confederate flag on the Statehouse grounds in Columbia. Tanner sent out this post on Twitter on Monday: "It is time to remove the flag. We are ONE!! #CharlestonStrong #Gamecocks."

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on Monday asked the state legislature to remove the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds.

The State: Where politicians, others stand on the Confederate flag

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article25158322.html>

S.C. General Assembly News:

USA Today: Obama to deliver eulogy Friday in Charleston

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/22/obama-charleston-shooting-clementa-pinckney/29110791/>

David Jackson

President Obama will travel to Charleston, S.C., on Friday to deliver the eulogy for the pastor who was gunned down along with eight other worshipers at his church last week, the White House said. First lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Biden are also scheduled to attend the funeral for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney of the Emanuel AME Church, the historic sanctuary where last week's killings took place.

Post and Courier: White House official: President Obama, first lady, vice president to attend Pinckney's funeral Friday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150622/PC16/150629809>

Melissa Boughton, Robert Behre

President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden will travel to Charleston Friday to attend funeral services for the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, a White House official said. Obama will deliver the eulogy for the fallen Democrat, who also served as a state Senator, the official confirmed to The Post and Courier.

Greenville News: Senator: Bill to add seventh Pickens County School Board seat won't go for vote this year

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2015/06/22/senator-bill-add-seventh-pickens-county-school-board-seat-go-vote-year/29110149/>

Ron Barnett

A bill that would have added a seventh seat to the Pickens County School Board won't get a vote in the Senate before it adjourns, the chairman of the county's legislative delegation said Monday. Sen. Larry Martin said he doesn't feel "comfortable" with H 4299, which the House approved on a 61-1 vote.

S.C. Political News:

McClatchy DC: SC lawmakers, GOP presidential hopefuls ponder Confederate flag's fate

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article25115914.html#storylink=cpy>

William Douglas, David Lightman

Questions about the flag, a perennial political issue during South Carolina's presidential primary, have

resurfaced in the wake of what law enforcement officials are calling the racially-motivated killings of nine people inside historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

Associated Press: Republicans return donations from white supremacist

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gcbT974b

Republican presidential candidates, GOP lawmakers and the lone black Republican in the House are returning donations from the leader of a white supremacist group cited by Charleston church murder suspect Dylann Roof or giving the money to charity.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Attorney feels driven to solve 1940 slaying of NAACP member

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FvflwQCH

Lucas L. Johnson II

The man in the black-and-white photograph on Jim Emison's desk seems to look right into him, all but demanding to not be forgotten. Emison is doing his best to oblige. The photo features a man named Elbert Williams and two dozen other charter members of the NAACP's Brownsville branch, an audacious group of men and women who registered black voters in West Tennessee in the early days of the civil rights movement.

Brian Symmes

Cell: 803-673-9437

Office: 803-734-0304