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Location: Holiday Inn, 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
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EVENT: East Cooper Republican Club

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2015

TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Holiday Inn, 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: Round tables of 10, microphone, and podium. There will be no "head table" but NH and Ashton will have reserved seats at a table up front.

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PURPOSE: Gov. Haley will address the East Cooper Republican Club meeting.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: Mark Smith, Club President

INTRODUCED BY: Mark Smith, Club President

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 10-12 mins and 5-8 mins of Q&A

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

12:00 PM	Opening Prayer	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
12:05 PM	Opening Remarks	Mark Smith
12:08 PM	Introduce Gov Haley	Mark Smith
12:10 PM	Remarks from Gov. Haley	
12:25 PM	Q&A	
12:35 PM	Closing Remarks	
12:40 PM	Program Concludes	
12:40 PM	Photos and Media	

NOTE: There will be students from Wando High School in attendance that just participated in a “We the People” competition. There will also be several students present from Porter-Gaud School Republican Club.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

1. Intro – it’s a great day in South Carolina
 - a. Our economy is among the fastest growing in the nation.
 - b. More people working in SC than ever before.
 - c. Tens of thousands of new jobs announced. (just recently, in Charleston, where Mercedes announced it is investing \$500 million and creating 1,300 new jobs)
 - d. Thousands from welfare-to-work (Approximately 30,000 recipients of TANF and/or SNAP found a job between Feb. 2011 and Jan. 2015)
 - e. Biggest education reform in decades.

1. So things are going well – we’re the envy of the nation – but we still have much more to do.
 - a. Workforce – those jobs don’t mean anything if it’s not our people getting them.
 - i. Get creative in how we train people.
 1. We’ve already started: opportunity centers in prisons (Manning), welfare-to-work successes.
 - ii. Who are we talking about?
 1. Single mom
 2. Liberal Arts student.
 3. Father of four.
 - iii. What do we propose doing for them? SUCCEED South Carolina.
 1. Opportunity Centers – culture change.
 2. Pay it forward – state loans for training that end in a JOB, not a certificate.
 3. Small business involvement – companies working with tech schools to develop programs that train workers to fill specific business needs.
 - a. Ethics

- i. You've heard me talk about this for years, so I won't spend much time on it. I will say it looks like we're making real progress in the House, but we also have some real problems in the Senate.

- i. When it comes to ethics, there are three things that are hugely important to me:
 - 1. Income disclosures for legislators.
 - 2. Independent investigations – no more fox guarding the henhouse.
 - 3. Removal of conflict of interest – lawyer legislators disclosing money they make when they sue the state.

- i. I mentioned a minute ago the problems we have in the Senate – and it's really just one problem, but it's a huge one: certain Senators do not want independent oversight of what they are doing.
 - 1. They've been fighting this for more than three years, and we've heard every excuse in the book. They've said things are working just fine as they are. They've even said having independent, non-elected, *citizens* involved in their process is unconstitutional.
 - 2. My question is, simply, why? Why are they fighting so hard to protect the status quo? What, at the end of the day, are they hiding? It's a question you should be asking them too.

a. Taxes/Roads

- i. Outline the current situation:
 - 1. Competitiveness argument – we're doing great but NC and Georgia are gaining on us.
 - 2. Roads – we all know we need more money for roads. It's a safety issue for our people, and it's an economic issue for our businesses.
 - 3. Structure of the DOT – right now it doesn't work, it's regional and political and it has to change.

- i. House and Senate Tax Increases for Roads
 - 1. Last year, the House passed a pay increase for themselves. I vetoed it.
 - 2. Then, they tried to run up the credit card by half a billion dollars and we killed it.
 - 3. Last week, the Republican-controlled House voted for a massive \$365 million tax increase next year to pay for roads. Let me be very clear: I will veto a massive tax increase on South Carolinians.
 - 4. All of this at a time when we have over \$400 additional million in revenue.
 - 5. For some members, there's never enough taxpayer dollars.

- i. Our solution

1. I have a better way to fund transportation and provide real relief.
2. Income tax cut. Cut the income tax for every taxpayer, from 7 percent to 5 percent, or by 30 percent.
 - a. Highest in the Southeast, this will take us back under NC and Georgia and be huge for our families and our businesses.
 - b. This amounts to a tax cut of \$8.5 billion over ten years, and \$1.7 billion a year by year ten. It is the largest tax cut in SC history, and is supported by Sen. DeMint and a host of others because it is hugely important for our state's future.
 - c. What this tax cut means is an average of \$689 dollars a year back in the pockets of taxpayers – about two weeks take home pay for someone making \$30,000 per year.
1. Gas tax increase. The largest single investment in our infrastructure in SC history. BUT – no more than 10 cents, has to stay below Georgia's to keep us competitive.
 - a. This will generate enough revenue so that we can both fix the roads we have – and importantly, maintain them in an appropriate state going forward, forever.
1. Restructuring – get rid of the legislatively-elected commission.
 - a. Our priorities are clear – with a DOT accountable to your governor, we're going to focus on the roads our people rely on to get to work, the roads our businesses need to move their goods, and the roads our visitors need to enjoy our state from the mountains to the sea.
 - b. No more commissioners fighting over roads money for their districts and their contractors. Instead we'll have a Department of Transportation that fights for the entire state; a department with one boss and one goal – rebuilding our highways.

a. Bond Bill/Debt/Budgets

i. Where we've come from

1. The South Carolina I know has taken pride in fighting to be low-tax and low-debt, hanging on to our credit rating through long-range planning and fighting to prioritize budgets. This is the South Carolina that endured billion-dollar budget cuts, tightened its belt, focused on fixing the economy, and has added over 60,000 jobs since the start of this administration as a result.
1. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE RESERVES: when the Employment Security Commission melted down and the great recession hit, South Carolina had to borrow 1 billion dollars from the federal government in 2008 to cover our unemployment benefits. This meant higher UI taxes for businesses just when they needed it the least.

- a. So what did we do? We passed unemployment reform, we focused on paying off debt, and now we're going to focus on our employers. Just recently, we made an additional \$75 million early payment, bringing the total repaid to over \$850 million, which has saved taxpayers between \$13-\$15 million. All of this means we will pay this loan off this summer – well ahead of schedule.
- 1. RAINY-DAY FUND: We did the same for our rainy day fund. When the recession hit, we were unprepared, and it showed. The people of South Carolina rightly voted to change our constitution in 2010, increasing our reserves from 3% of the General Fund to 5%. Under the budget I released last month and we're debating now, we will have twice the amount General Reserves than we did when I took office.
- 1. Now, when you look at these changes you see that hard times have forced better decisions and that there has been a real impact on our debt and reserves – all in the right direction. This wasn't just me – this was everyone – the voters, the General Assembly, and the Governor.
- i. Where we are now
 - 1. As I mentioned, in March, the House tried to add an additional \$500 million in debt onto the state credit card.
 - 1. That means that while we proposed a budget that cut our annual spending on state debt by over \$40 million dollars, the House not only didn't support that cut, but added \$40 to \$50 million more *every year*. This committee chose a path that would have South Carolina's taxpayers take on at least \$80 more million in debt payments than they would otherwise have to next year.
 - 1. Not only was this debt a surprise to me, it was a surprise to many of the members of the House as well.
 - 1. So we got loud and the House clearly heard our voices when we said, "No new debt!" and we were successful!
 - 1. But just last week, certain Senators decided to put out another bond bill.
 - 1. So it's time to raise our voices again – call your State Senator and tell them to vote against additional debt!

Mt Pleasant Area Legislators

		Voted to strip Independent Investigations in Ethics Bills (Rankin Amendment to S.1 or H.3722 in Senate Judiciary Committee)	Voted for Cleary Transportation Tax Increase in Finance Committee (\$523)	Voted for Pay Increase in Last Year's Budget
Senate				
R	Chip Campsen	N	Not on Finance	N
R	Ray Cleary	Y	Y	Y
R	Larry Grooms	N	N	N
D	Marlon Kimpson	N	Not on Finance	Y
R	Paul Thurmond	N	Not on Finance	N
			Voted to kill Quinn Amendment (1.25% income tax cut) to House Tax Increase/Transportation (H.3579)	Voted for Pay Increase in Last Year's Budget
House				
D	Wendell Gilliard	Y	Y	Y
R	Stephen Goldfinch	Y	Y	Y
R	Chip Limehouse	Y	N	NV
D	David Mack	Y	Y	Y
R	Peter McCoy	Y	N	NV
R	James Merrill	N	N	Y
R	Mike Sottile	Y	Y	Y
D	Leon Stavrinakis	N	N	NV

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:

Charleston County: 5,755 jobs announced; \$1.769 billion capital investment announced since 2011

Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2015-03-06	Daimler Vans Manufacturing, LLC	Expansion	Vans	\$500,000,000	1300
2015-02-24	Moneypenny	New	Call center	\$760,000	400
2014-12-11	Hubner Manufacturing Corporation	Expansion	Folding Bellows & Passageways for Public Transportation	\$8,600,000	50
2014-10-23	NCO Financial Systems, Inc. (APAC Customer Services)	Expansion	Fax sorting business		200
2014-09-09	Torqtek Design & Manufacturing, LLC	Expansion	Manufactures timing gears	\$12,000,000	50
2014-07-10	Senior Aerospace AMT	New	Mid Cage for Boeing 787		60

2014-06-17	New World Pharmaceuticals	New	specialty pharmaceutical company	\$21,000,000	38
2014-05-28	Pacific Rim Aerospace Corporation	New	Aerospace engineering		100
2014-05-05	Aeterna Zentaris Inc.	New	clinical stage biopharmaceutical company	\$1,000,000	60
2014-02-25	Kaman Corporation	New	titanium machining		
2013-12-17	Molina Healthcare, Inc.	New	Claims Processing Facility		150
2013-10-10	MeadWestvaco Specialty Chemicals Corporation	Expansion	Specialty Chemicals	\$9,300,000	
2013-09-12	Daimler Vans Manufacturing, LLC	Expansion	Automotive Assembly	\$4,600,000	60
2013-07-08	Albert Weber - Weber Automotive Corp. - Charleston	New	Manufactures Crankshafts for Automotive Industry	\$51,000,000	84
2013-05-23	Mediterranean Shipping Co. (USA) Inc.	Expansion	Freight Transportation & arrangement	\$1,700,000	30
2013-05-16	SKF Group	Expansion	Ball and Roller Bearings	\$3,000,000	25
2013-04-09	The Boeing Company - South Carolina Delivery Center	Expansion	Airplanes	\$1,000,000,000	2000
2012-12-19	Millard Refrigerated Services, Inc.	New	Cold Storage Warehousing	\$42,000,000	87
2012-12-06	NCO Financial Systems, Inc.	Expansion	Call Center		75
2012-10-11		Shimano American Corp.	Expansion	Distribution of Bicycle Components and Fishing Tackle Equipment	
2012-08-15	Morgan Olson, LLC	New	Truck and Van Body	\$1,000,000	119
2012-06-18	Cummins Inc. - North Charleston	Expansion	Turbochargers for Medium-Heavy Duty Diesel Engine	\$19,500,000	76
2011-12-20	TWL Precision	Expansion	Auto parts	\$5,000,000	35
2011-11-17	Streit USA Armoring, LLC	Expansion	Armored cars	\$5,800,000	50
2011-11-16	Cummins Inc. - North Charleston	Expansion	Diesel Engines	\$24,000,000	31
2011-10-24	PMW Technologies, Inc. d/b/a PeopleMatter	Expansion	Software company	\$18,800,000	265

2011-09-14	TIGHITCO, Inc. (Intertech Group)	New	Aerospace parts	\$30,000,000	350
2011-03-08	InterWrap, Inc.	New	Roofing material & backing	\$10,500,000	60

Between January 2011 and February 2015, the unemployment rate in Charleston County has decreased by 2.9 percentage points from 8.4 percent to 5.5 percent. There are now 21,867 more people employed in the county and 4,104 fewer people unemployed.