

From: Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov>
To:
Date: 1/10/2016 10:00:01 AM
Subject: Clips – Sunday, January 10, 2016

Clips – Sunday, January 10, 2016

Governor Nikki Haley News:

New York Times: Republican Candidates, Minus Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, Play Nice at Poverty Forum
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/10/us/politics/republican-candidates-minus-donald-trump-and-ted-cruz-play-nice-at-poverty-forum.html?_r=0

Ashley Parker

In contrast to some of their television personas, the Republican candidates who showed up to the Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity here offered a cordial and substantive discussion about combating poverty, often agreeing with one another as they discussed issues including education reform, the role of states and how to better employ new technology.

Note: The event in South Carolina, which heads to the polls on Feb. 20, also provided the candidates a chance to seek endorsements from some of the state's crucial players, including Senator Lindsey Graham, who dropped out of the presidential race last month; Gov. Nikki Haley, and Mr. Scott. Mr. Ryan's support is also coveted.

Note: Mr. Christie has meetings scheduled with Ms. Haley and top South Carolina Republican activists on Wednesday in Charleston, when he returns to the state for Thursday's Republican debate.

USA Today: Republicans say govt can't end poverty; protesters target Rubio in S.C.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/2016/01/09/republicans-poverty-forum-paul-ryan-tim-scott-marco-rubio-jeb-bush-ben-carson-chris-chirstie-mike-huckabee/78552146/>

David Jackson

Republican presidential candidates pitched anti-poverty programs Saturday that emphasize the private market and de-emphasize the role of government — though Marco Rubio found himself forced into a shouting side debate over immigration.

Note: Saturday's schedule also featured two other prominent South Carolina Republicans whose endorsements are being sought: Gov. Nikki Haley and Sen. Lindsey Graham, who withdrew from the presidential race last month.

Washington Post: Paul Ryan turns the GOP presidential race toward a forgotten issue: Poverty

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/01/09/paul-ryan-turns-the-gop-presidential-race-toward-a-forgotten-issue-poverty/>

Mike DeBonis

Republican presidential candidates on Saturday turned their attention away from border walls and terrorist threats and birth certificates, if only for a day, to focus on a topic that is dear to the hearts of some leading conservative thinkers but has remained far from the center of the GOP race: poverty in America.

Note: "Republicans have always thought about it, but they haven't always said it, and that's what we want to do," said Gov. Nikki Haley (R-S.C.), a possible running mate for the eventual nominee, in brief remarks at the event.

The State: Roads, schools, flood top SC Legislature's agenda

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article53937720.html>

Cassie Cope

This week, legislators will drive to Columbia from all corners of South Carolina. While they will be traveling on crumbling roads and bridges, they will have \$1.2 billion in new money to spend. Will those same representatives and senators do something to fix the state's roads this year? And how will they handle other top issues? A look at what lawmakers face this session and who to watch:

Note: In addition, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has said she would veto any gas tax hike that does not include a "massive" income tax cut.

Paying for the flood: The rains of October washed away roads, bridges and crops across the state. Gov.

Haley has said she will request \$114 million from state lawmakers for flood costs. She also is asking the federal government for \$140 million to repair flood-damaged housing.

S.C. Political News:

The State: The Buzz: Who SC elected officials support for president

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article53923185.html>

Jamie Self

As the 2016 race for the White House heats up and South Carolina's February presidential primaries approach, candidates are boasting endorsements from S.C. Republicans and Democrats, touting support from former governors, statewide office holders, ambassadors, veterans and more.

Post and Courier: GOP hopefuls offer views on easing poverty

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160109/PC1603/160109405>

Cynthia Roldan

GOP presidential hopefuls Saturday pitched long-standing free-market principles as a way to tackle poverty during a forum aimed at expanding economic opportunities for the poor. Six candidates participated in the Jack Kemp Foundation's Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The State: 2016 GOP candidates pitch poverty solutions in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article53907300.html>

Andrew Shain

In a race spearheaded by national security and questions about the need to broaden the GOP's appeal, a half-dozen 2016 Republican presidential candidates came to Columbia, S.C., on Saturday to offer their solutions to aid the poor.

Associated Press: Trump escalates attacks on Ted Cruz's eligibility to run

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=YMEY7bmJ

Scott Bauer, Jill Colvin

Donald Trump taunted fellow Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz over his eligibility to be president on Saturday, offering the following response to Cruz's instance that he's a natural born citizen: "You're not."

Aiken Standard: Rubio 'can't wait' to face Hillary Clinton in 2016 presidential election

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160109/AIK0101/160109415>

Derrek Asberry

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio told Aiken residents on Saturday that he prays every night he'll be the Republican nominee for president because he "can't wait" to face off against Democratic candidate and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Like many other candidates, Rubio implied it is a foregone conclusion that Clinton will win the Democratic nomination.

Associated Press: GOP candidates pitch conservative path to fight poverty

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NAITq6uj

Bill Barrow, Sergio Bustos

Republican presidential candidates said Saturday their party must do more to convince poor Americans that conservative policy - and not an active federal government - will expand economic opportunity. But the White House hopefuls, addressing a conservative economic forum in the early voting state of South Carolina, didn't agree on all the details, particularly on taxes.

Island Packet: Bush on Trump at Hilton Head campaign stop: 'I'm the only guy who is taking him on'

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/politics-government/election/article53958395.html#storylink=cpy>

Mindy Lucas

Former Gov. Jeb Bush touched on a number of issues at a town hall meeting on Hilton Head Island Saturday night -- immigration, national security and the economy chief among them. But it wasn't so much what he talked about as who he talked about that had people clapping.

WLTX: GOP Candidates Meet In SC To Discuss Poverty

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/01/10/gop-candidates-meet-sc-discuss-poverty/78578608/>

Charles Ringwalt

With a little over a month until the South Carolina Republican Primary some of the candidates met in Columbia for a forum to discuss poverty. Former Governor Jeb Bush, Dr. Ben Carson, Governor Chris Christie, former Governor Mike Huckabee, Governor John Kasich, and Senator Marco Rubio all participated in the event moderated by Senator Tim Scott and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

Associated Press: Muslim woman thrown out of Trump rally; group seeks apology

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=XEEPlE7M

Tom Foreman Jr.

An advocacy group is seeking an apology from GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump's campaign after a Muslim woman standing in silent protest was heckled and the escorted out of the event. The Council on American-Islamic Relations issued the call for an apology late Friday, hours after Rose Hamid was thrown out of the Trump rally at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Session opens with lawmakers still far apart on fixing roads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dWaf9XCa

Seanna Adcox

While legislators pledge to address road funding and flood relief over the next six months, there's no consensus on what they'll do. A \$1.3 billion windfall makes a compromise even harder. And in a year when every House and Senate seat is up for grabs, concern over attracting challengers could delay votes until after the March 30 filing deadline.

Aiken Standard: S.C. senator questions hold of North Augusta dashcam footage 2 years later

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160109/AIK0101/160109416/sc-senator-questions-hold-of-north-augusta-dashcam-footage-2-years-later>

Maayan Schechter

Although South Carolina Sen. Shane Massey said he doesn't know the specifics related to the February 2014 North Augusta officer-involved fatal shooting of an unarmed man, he said it's "difficult to understand why a dashcam video would need to be withheld" for almost two years.

Note: Martin said the reason the Legislature separated the body camera bill, signed by Gov. Nikki Haley in 2015, and the dashcam bill is that frequently body cameras capture private places, including locations where there are minors, as dashcam videos, on the other hand, are not turned on in private places, but rather taped in public areas.

Post and Courier: Chief justice race looms over 2016 session

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160110/PC1603/160119945>

Cynthia Roldan

The election of South Carolina's next chief justice is looming over legislators before the session even starts Tuesday. Among their duties this year, South Carolina's lawmakers have to add a new justice to the Supreme Court, after Chief Justice Jean Toal retired on Dec. 31. Lawmakers will also have to elect a new chief justice for 2017, as current Chief Justice Costa Pleicones will retire at the end of this year.

Aiken Standard: Public education among the key priorities for General Assembly

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160110/AIK0201/160119994/1018/AIK02>

Maayan Schechter

South Carolina House Speaker Jay Lucas said at the 2016 Legislative Workshop for the Media last week that South Carolina students are not receiving a 21st century education. That statement is very true and will demand legislative action to remedy the long-standing disparity in funding between rich and poor districts around the Palmetto State.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Equipping state to fight CDV

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160110/PC1002/160119914>

Editorial

It's going to take more than hand-wringing if South Carolina is going to tackle the scourge of domestic violence. Abusers need to be identified, arrested and convicted. Gov. Nikki Haley, on Thursday, put the

weight of her office behind making that happen. She is calling for the state to spend \$19 million to pay for 144 additional prosecutors, three Circuit Court judges and staff members and 88 public defenders.

Note: "I was mortified when I learned that law enforcement [officers] were the ones that were prosecuting these cases" in South Carolina, Mrs. Haley said. That happens in only two other states.

Times and Democrat: National profile raises stakes for Gov. Haley

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/national-profile-raises-stakes-for-gov-haley/article_8c025825-6c3f-54f0-96a9-3edaa53b83b4.html

Editorial

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is again on the national stage, selected by the Republican leadership to deliver the GOP response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address. It's another reason here to be proud of the Bamberg County native. Even Haley's critics, such as Orangeburg County native and Democratic Party Executive Director Jaime Harrison, say she will do well.

The State: 7 reforms to make South Carolina work

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/editorials/article53732500.html>

Editorial

LAWMAKERS RETURN to Columbia on Tuesday focused on flood recovery and highway repairs, police conduct and poor school districts, and those topics all deserve their attention. But with the exception of education adequacy — a long-neglected need that has been pushed to the top of their agenda by a long-awaited Supreme Court order — these top-of-mind tasks are simple matters. Important, but simple.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Funding could hold up roads bill

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160110/OPINION/160119999/1128/opinion?Title=Funding-could-hold-up-roads-bill>

Editorial

As the S.C. General Assembly gears up to reconvene this week, there seems to be an emerging consensus over the pressing need to address the state's roads and bridges and to reform the state Transportation Department. The obstacle toward getting the state's roads fixed is going to be how much money the state spends and whether it raises taxes to fund transportation improvements.

Index-Journal: O'Dell far greater than a politician

<http://indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/O-Dell-far-greater-than-a-politician>

Editorial

How often have most of us heard a politician's name spoken with utter disdain in the speaker's voice and words? Politics so often is mired in muck, so much so that many on the outside looking in have nothing but contempt for those in the inner circle and speak of politics and politicians with cynicism running deep within their being.

Island Packet: Fasten seat belts, road saga is back

<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/editorials/article53964065.html>

Editorial

As the South Carolina legislature reconvenes this week, watch your wallets. Top on many agendas will be raising the state gas tax. It sounds logical, but it's a bad idea. It's the easy way out to protect the good-old-boy system that has South Carolina's roads riddled with potholes while new roads to nowhere are built for old-guard legislators.

Note: And legislators should avoid the gimmicky concept floated last year by Gov. Nikki Haley. She said that with a gas-tax increase must come an income-tax decrease. This would help the rich and hurt the poor. And the sharp decrease in general-fund revenue would cripple all the educational, social services, criminal justice and health care services of the state.

Greenville News: Talk about better gun laws

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/01/10/talk-better-gun-laws/78415372/>

Editorial

President Barack Obama's frustration with gun violence in the United States is understandable and the desire to do something about it is perfectly rational. It even seems reasonable to take actions through executive orders to more clearly define the rules over who exactly is classified as a gun dealer and which gun sales are subject to background checks.

South Carolina News:

Times and Democrat: Congressman Wilson: Real issue terrorism, not firearms

http://thetandd.com/news/congressman-wilson-real-issue-terrorism-not-firearms/article_0ce73f32-8661-58a4-a0a1-5002377d770c.html

Gene Zaleski

President Barack Obama's executive gun control plan is a misdirected overreach of power, 2nd District Congressman Joe Wilson said. "Legislation should be made by Congress," the Republican said during an interview with The Times and Democrat. "We have three branches of government and I think it is a very dangerous precedent. I think it is one that will have far-reaching, negative consequences," he said.

Post and Courier: DSS approved 184,173 flood-related requests for help with groceries

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160110/PC1603/160119983>

Maya T. Prabhu

The number of people who received help with their groceries after record flooding in October across the state was almost double those registering for federal flood assistance. From Oct. 27 to Dec. 11, the S.C. Department of Social Services processed 210,033 Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program applications from 24 counties and approved aid for 184,173 people according to DSS.

The State: Inspectors noted 'serious hazard' at Fort Jackson dam before it failed

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article53937070.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Two years before a flood swamped neighborhoods and commercial areas near Fort Jackson, federal inspectors found substantial problems at the base's Semmes Lake dam, an aging structure that crumbled during the massive October storm.

Local News:

Florence Morning News: Vendors at Florence gun show say current political climate helps sales

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a8092af0-b72b-11e5-a1d8-63f1b7e7aee0.html

Deborah Swearingen

A dreary day drew a crowd to the Florence Civic Center for the first day of the Land of the Sky gun and knife show. Approximately 250 tables lined the venue's ballroom, selling not only guns and knives but also ammunition, scopes, hunting gear, accessories, collectibles and more.

Brian Symmes

Cell: 803-673-9437

Office: 803-734-0304