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The S.C. Supreme Court indicated Tuesday the Senate president pro tempore will rise to become lieutenant governor.

The court canceled arguments planned for Wednesday, saying it is ready to rule on how Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster will be succeeded. McMaster is set to become governor if Gov. Nikki Haley is confirmed to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman has said he is not interested in becoming lieutenant governor. However, Leatherman could resign as Senate leader, at least temporarily, and another senator could rise to be the state's second-in-command. Sen. Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, has expressed interest in the job.

In 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allowing the governor and lieutenant governor — now elected separately — to be elected on the same ticket starting in 2018, as the president and vice president are.

However, ratification language for the amendment omitted a 2018 starting date for the governor also to gain the ability to appoint a new lieutenant governor if that post becomes vacant, raising the question of who would succeed Haley.

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JOBS

South Carolina's job base is led by manufacturing, tourism and agriculture.

Trump's stand on immigration — making it more difficult for foreign workers to enter the country and perhaps even expelling illegal workers — could hurt the farming, hospitality and construction industries, which are dependent on foreign workers.

His threats to clamp down on free trade could also affect jobs in the state's manufacturing sector, as the state is export heavy. For example, in 2015, the state's export sales totaled \$30.9 billion, according to data from the U.S. Department of Commerce.



TRADE

South Carolina is the leading manufacturer and exporter of tires in the U.S., and the state also makes a wide variety of products from luxury cars to airliners. Most of those goods are sold overseas.

Also, the Port of Charleston is a key engine powering the state's economy.

If Trump raises tariffs or ignites a trade war, it could hurt the cost of goods flowing out of the state and raise the cost of parts flowing in.



POLITICS

Before he has even taken office, Trump has had a powerful impact on the political landscape in the Palmetto State.

His nomination of Gov. Nikki Haley as United Nations ambassador has set off a domino effect. If she is confirmed as expected, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster would become governor. McMaster's ascension would surely impact the 2018 gubernatorial race if he decides to run as the incumbent.

Trump's nomination of U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney, R-Indian Land, as director of the Office of Management and Budget has opened up the 5th Congressional District seat.

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MILITARY

Trump has said he opposes sequestration, the looming automatic budget cuts created by the 2011 debt-ceiling fight.

If he can help reverse the cuts in the Budget Control Act of 2011, Trump could avert the need for another round of Base Realignment and Closure, called BRAC, that threatens military jobs in

South Carolina.

However, Trump is an unknown quantity to the military, and his assertion that he knows "more than the generals" about how to deal with ISIS didn't bolster much military confidence.



OBAMACARE

Trump, like the Republican Party as a whole, has vowed to repeal the Affordable Care

Act, which provides health insurance for about 300,000 South Carolinians.

Also under the act, college students and young people can stay on their parents' health insurance plan until age 26.

If Trump and the Republicans are successful in repealing Obamacare — which they can certainly do with majorities in both houses — the

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INFRASTRUCTURE

According to his website, Trump wants to create a “visionary plan” for a system of roads, bridges and other infrastructure “that would make President Dwight D. Eisenhower” proud. As president, Eisenhower was a major advocate for the nation’s interstate system.

South Carolina has been grappling with how to fix its crumbling roads and bridges. Haley said it was to be her No. 1 priority. But with Haley at the U.N. and McMaster not talking, what the future might hold for the state’s infrastructure is uncertain.

Any Trump-supported infrastructure money from the federal government would likely be embraced here.



AUTO INDUSTRY

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With BMW, Chrysler Daimler and soon Volvo all building cars in South Carolina, Trump’s verbal tilt with foreign automakers could have ripple effects here.

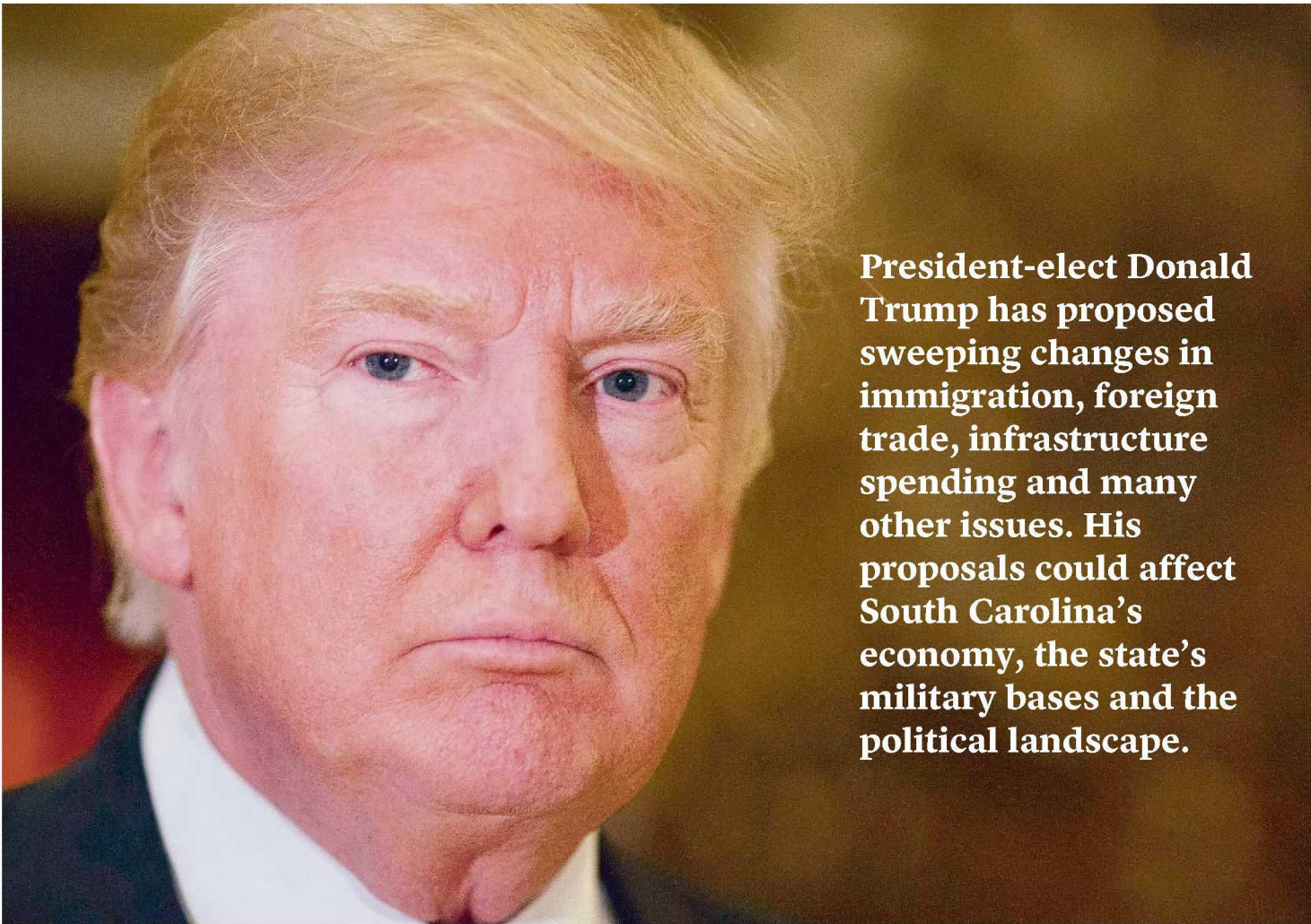


POLITICAL CULTURE

Trump’s anti-establishment, anti-immigration, “drain the swamp” rhetoric played well in South Carolina, where he easily won both the Republican primary and the general election.

South Carolina has a strong Tea Party bent, and Trump’s ascension to power could have coattails into local politics. Trump’s nomination of two prominent South Carolinians — Haley to the U.N. and Mulvaney to OMB — could help cement that influence. And it doesn’t hurt that McMaster was Trump’s most influential supporter in the state.

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Race relations in South Carolina have improved but still need work, Columbia Urban League president J.T. McLawhorn said Monday.

"We haven't reached the mountaintop," McLawhorn told several hundred community leaders gathered at Brookland Baptist Church for the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Breakfast. "We haven't reached the promised land. But

we're going to get there if we keep on working."

McLawhorn and other speakers urged people to take up King's torch by working to a society blind to color.

The key is communication among communities of different

racings and backgrounds, some said, especially after a polarizing 2016 election.

"It needs to start with our conversations," said Mike Hartel, a member of the Urban League's board. "With the political election and social media, things just got a little toxic. ... People say things on social media you would never say if you looked another human being in the eye."

Hartel asked the audience to start conversations about race relations in small groups in their communities.

"People don't trust each other because they don't know each other," said the Rev. Charles Jackson, senior pastor at Brookland Baptist. "And they don't know each other because they don't spend time with each other."

One sign of progress, McLawhorn said, was a photograph taken by a staffer for Gov. Nikki Haley in July 2015 during the controversy over whether to remove the Confederate flag from S.C. State House grounds.

The photograph, which went viral online, showed S.C. Department of Public Safety director Leroy Smith, who is black, helping a white supremacist with a swastika emblazoned on his T-shirt get out of the summer sun and into the air-conditioned State House.

"That image went worldwide, and what it said about us in South Carolina is that we're a caring community," McLawhorn said. "We've got to live up to that image."

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