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Location: Westin Poinsett Hotel, Gold Ballroom, 120 South Main Street, Greenville, S.C.
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EVENT: Rotary Club of Greenville

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

TIME: 12:25-1:30 PM

LOCATION: Westin Poinsett Hotel, Gold Ballroom, 120 South Main Street, Greenville, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: Podium, microphone, head table

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PURPOSE: Governor Haley will address the Rotary Club of Greenville.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: Stephanie E. Lewis

INTRODUCED BY: Keith Miller, Greenville Tech

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 12-15 minutes with 5-8 minutes of Q&A

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

12:25 PM	Handshake and photo with fifth grade contest winner- Eleanor McMakin
12:30 PM	Welcome Russell Stall
12:32 PM	Pledge Adam Brickner
12:35 PM	Introduction of Governor Haley Keith Miller

12:37 PM	Governor Haley	
1:00 PM	Guest and VR	Ben Haskew
1:05 PM	Member News	Bob Howard
1:10 PM	Centennial Minutes	Judy Prince
1:16 PM	New Member Introduction	
1:22 PM	ProAm Golf	Ken Marinelli
1:25 PM	Four Way Test -Adjourn	Russell Stall
1:30 PM	Gov. Haley Departs	

HEAD TABLE:

1. Russell Stall
2. Adam Brickner
3. Governor Haley
4. Ashton Lee
5. Keith Miller
6. Ben Haskew
7. Bob Howard
8. Judith Prince
9. Anna Ingram (guest of Judy)
10. Scott Stephens(photographer)

BACKGROUND ON ELEANOR MCMAKIN :

The student's name is Eleanor McMakin. She is an exceptional 5th grade student at A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School of Engineering.

To be selected to attend the Rotary luncheon with the governor, 5th grade girls were asked to write a letter stating why they should be chosen. This was done to celebrate Women's History Month (March), especially as Gov. Haley is the first female governor in the state's history.

Eleanor's letter was a stand out. She is highly articulate and well aware of current events for someone her age. She was the first to turn her letter in for the contest. She's extremely excited to have the opportunity to shake hands with Gov. Haley and to hear her speak at Rotary tomorrow.

Thanks again for this opportunity. I know Eleanor will remember it for the rest of her life.

GOAL: Gov. Haley will address the Rotary Club of Greenville to rally opposition to the House budget which contains a 15 year, \$500 million increase in debt.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

State/Greenville Economy

- South Carolina is clearly moving in the right direction
- Last year was a record breaking year for the number of people working!
- Between January of 2013 and December of 2014, the number of South Carolinians employed increased by 75,000!
- Here in Greenville County, the success has been tremendous.
- Since 2011, the unemployment rate in Greenville has decreased by 3.4 percent – from 8.4% to 5%!
- We've announced over 5,000 jobs and over \$940 million in capital investment!
- That's real progress – every time we bring a new job here, we help a family.

- But we're starting to see some problems in Columbia that could hinder this progress, and I need your help to make sure that doesn't happen.

House Budget

- One of the things I want to talk about is the House version of the budget, which is really troubling.
- This year, our revenues are projected to increase by nearly \$300 million (\$288 million recurring revenue increase).
- Not only did the House spend all of that, they also included nearly \$500 million (\$498 million) in debt on the state's credit card.
- Since day one of my administration, we've worked hard to lower our outstanding debt! And it's been successful.
- Between 2011 and 2013 (the latest data available), the state's total outstanding General Obligation debt decreased by 16% (from \$1.035 billion to \$865 million)
- The House's budget would completely undo the tough decisions we've made.
- Rather than keeping some debt off the state credit card, the House decided to put nearly **\$500 million back on the credit card.**
- That's almost \$800 million in additional spending this year.
- That's not the South Carolina I know. We've long taken pride in fighting to be a low-tax, low-debt state, holding onto our credit rating through long-range planning and fighting to prioritize budgets.
- This week there will be a vote on an amendment to strip the \$500 million in debt from the budget. I urge each and every one of you to contact your state legislators and tell them to strip the \$500 in additional debt out of the budget!

House's Transportation Plan

- Not only did the House increase spending by nearly \$800 million, members of the House are also considering a transportation bill that would increase taxes without a significant offset.
- So certain members of the House are saying they need to use all of the natural growth in revenues, an additional \$500 million on the credit card, and then they're telling citizens that they don't have enough money to fix the roads!
- This is a totally unacceptable way to govern. I urge you to contact your legislators and tell them not to support H.3579 because you don't support a net tax increase.
- All of us acknowledge we need to do something about transportation, but there's a right way and a wrong way to do it.
- That's why I announced a plan to revitalize our transportation system and make the state more competitive in my State of the State Address – a plan that calls for the largest tax cut in

- South Carolina history and the largest single investment in our roads system we have ever seen.

Tax Cut/Transportation Plan

- We are currently competing for jobs and investment with states around the country, specifically our neighbors in North Carolina and Georgia. But we're also competing internationally - with countries all over the world. So it's imperative that we do everything we can to continue to attract companies and create the most business-friendly environment we can.
- Tennessee, Florida and Texas have no income tax at all. Georgia's income tax is a full percent lower than ours, and North Carolina just recently cut their income taxes by 2 full percentage points.
- By cutting the income tax rate from 7% to 5% incrementally over the next decade, we would improve our tax competitiveness from 38th nationally to 13th.
- By doing this, our income rates would be lower than North Carolina and Georgia and anybody you ask will tell you that this would be a major draw for jobs and capital investment.
- Likewise, it will put money back in the pockets of South Carolina's citizens where it belongs and not into the hands of tax and spend politicians.
- We also have to restructure the transportation commission. The condition of South Carolina's roads is driven by parochial politics and horse trading. We can no longer have a system where individuals are only representing the best interest of specific parts of the state. How and where money is spent at DOT should be based on the needs of the state in its entirety, making sure that everybody is represented equally. That's why I have called for the elimination of the commission.
- Finally, we suggested an increase to the gas tax by 10 cents over 3 years, dedicating all additional revenue to improving our roads.
- By increasing the gas tax by 10 cents, it will keep our gasoline tax below both Georgia and North Carolina's.
- There are some who want to just raise the gas tax without cutting the income tax. It's true we have the 3rd lowest gas tax in the country. But as I've said multiple times – I will veto any straight up gas tax increase.
- If all we do is increase gas taxes, it will put the brakes on the positive momentum we are seeing in the economy.
- As I made clear in the State of the State – this package is a 3 part deal. We need to cut taxes, restructure the transportation commission, and increase the gas tax.
- And like I said before, if the legislature gets on board with this plan and passes it, it will result in the largest tax cut in South Carolina's history.
- If we take these 3 steps, we'll improve our transportation system and build on the competitive advantages that we've seen result in so much economic growth.

- But running up the credit card and then increasing taxes is the wrong way to go. That's why I'm asking you to raise your voices in opposition to the more debt and higher taxes.

ANSWERS TO RECENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON TAX REFORM PLAN:

- What this tax plan 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.
- In terms of what this means for our families, 50 gallons of gas to drive from Greenville to the beach, get around town and drive home will have a \$5 impact on your wallet. Our tax cut means \$689 back in your pocket, which pays for that entire trip.
- Ten cents for roads means we start turning our highway system around next year. It means \$394 million a year to roads that meets the \$208 million we need to stop the decline of our pavements and bridges and adds over \$180 million per year to actually start improving our highway system.
- Our priorities are clear – with a Secretary 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.
- No more commissioners fighting over roads money for their districts and their contractors. Instead we'll have a Secretary that fights for the entire state; a secretary with one boss and one goal – rebuilding our highways.
- There is talk out there that this tax cut will hurt programs, hurt schools. That's just not true. Our long-range projections would put our state's General Fund at over \$10 billion dollars – more than \$3 billion dollars larger than it is today – without this \$1.7 billion annual tax cut. What we're saying is, invest in schools, preserve our roads, help out law enforcement, but slow the growth of government when it comes to things we don't need. We can do both – it really is a win-win.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Greenville County: 5,214 announced jobs; \$942 million announced capital investment – 61 announced economic development projects.

Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2014-11-20	SPF North America, Inc.	Expansion	Pet Food	\$12,000,000	15
2014-10-01	Solar Atmospheres	New	Heat Treating	\$15,000,000	11
2014-09-02	Providence Home Care of SC	Expansion	Home health care providers	\$2,900,000	167
2014-08-27	ruhlamat America Inc.	New	Welding stations		35
2014-08-20	Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC	New	HQ & R&D		34
2014-06-18	O'Donnell Industries (Snoozer Pet Products)	Expansion	Pet Products	\$1,800,000	39
2014-06-10	GE - Greenville	New	Advanced manufacturing center	\$400,000,000	80
2014-06-03	Kimura, Inc.	Expansion	Automotive supplier	\$2,700,000	20
2014-05-20	RPA Development LLC	Expansion	Fencing and railing products		43
2014-04-02	Precorp Inc.	Expansion	Custom precision cutting tools	\$14,800,000	29
2014-03-04	Meyer Tool Inc.	Expansion	Airfoils for Turbines	\$5,000,000	50

2014-02-20	Esurance Insurance Services, Inc.	New	Insurance Office	\$2,100,000	450
2014-01-16	Chartspan Medical Technologies, LLC	New	Bioscience software		41
2014-01-14	Stueken LLC	Expansion	Precision metal components	\$3,200,000	27
2013-12-19	Advanced Composite Materials, LLC	Expansion	Advanced Materials used to Toughen Ceramics	\$3,000,000	10
2013-11-26	Materials Sciences Corporation	New	Textile Weaving	\$1,000,000	23
2013-11-15	Sweet Street Desserts, Inc.	New	Dessert Baking		80
2013-11-07	Fitesa	Expansion	Non-Wovens	\$50,000,000	32
2013-11-01	Kimura, Inc.	New	Automotive supplier	\$11,500,000	149
2013-10-08	Roding Technology North America, LLC	New	Automotive design, prototypes, machining		5
2013-09-04	The Crown Group, Inc.	New	Metal Coating and Electroplating	\$5,400,000	42
2013-02-19	in-tech GmbH	New	Vehicle Electronic Systems		20
2013-02-12	TIGGES GmbH	New	Fasteners and Connectors	\$1,500,000	5
2013-02-08	SC Tool Service, Inc.	Expansion	Carbide Cutting Tools	\$1,250,000	30
2012-11-14	Roy Metal Finishing Co, Inc.	Expansion	Corrosion Resistant Coatings and Electroplating Job-shop	\$13,000,000	20
2012-10-29	Servosity Inc.	Expansion	Software Development		30
2012-10-18	Siemens Industry, Inc.	New	Electronics for the Energy and Healthcare Sectors		
2012-10-17	MW Industries, Inc.	Expansion	Specialty Spring and Fastener Manufacturing		10
2012-10-04	MAPAL Inc.	New	Metal Cutting Tools	\$3,000,000	30
2012-10-03	Carolina Technical Plastics Corporation	New	Automotive Parts	\$12,000,000	119
2012-09-28	Drive Automotive Industries of America	Expansion	Automotive Metal Stamping	\$50,000,000	60
2012-09-14	Con-Pearl	New	Plastic Boards	\$14,250,000	51
2012-09-12	Sempra US Gas & Power, LLC (CA)	New	Natural Gas		40
2012-07-05	AVX Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Chips	\$14,000,000	279
2012-06-21	Picanol of America	Expansion	Weaving Machinery		
2012-06-13	Encore Container	New	Shipping containers	\$3,900,000	89
2012-06-07	Genetec Technology Automation	Expansion	Precision Metal Stamping, Injection Molding, and Assembly	\$1,200,000	160
2012-04-26	Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc.	Expansion	Engineering Services	\$2,000,000	40
2012-04-24	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion	Drive Shafts	\$102,000,000	100
2012-04-16	Grace Plastics, Inc.	New	Plastic Recycling	\$1,200,000	16
2012-04-03	Ionic Technologies, Inc.	Expansion	Nitriding, PVD Coatings and Vacuum Heat Treatment	\$10,000,000	13
2012-02-28	Dutchland Plastics Southeast, LLC	New	Rotomolding, Blow Molding, Urethane Foam Filling		25
2012-01-19	Southern Air Repair, Corp.	New	Maintenance repair/aviation	\$750,000	20
2011-11-16	TD Bank	Expansion	Banking Institution	\$17,100,000	1400

2011-11-14	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	New	Hydraulics	\$80,000,000	160
2011-10-31	SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation	New	Industrial Diamonds		70
2011-10-17	Honeywell International	Expansion	Engines	\$25,000,000	30
2011-10-17	KEMET Electronics Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Manufacturing	\$17,000,000	
2011-09-28	Carbures LLC (Easy Industrial Solutions)	New	Aerospace service & components	\$3,000,000	50
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2011-09-01	NEM USA Corp.	Expansion	High pressure steam boilers and contract engineering services		40
2011-08-24	Confluence Watersports	Expansion	Kayaks & personal watercraft	\$13,000,000	72
2011-08-17	Griffin Thermal Products, Inc.	Expansion	Heat exchangers - radiators		50
2011-08-11	Adams Scrap Recycling, LLC	Expansion	Recycling	\$3,200,000	50
2011-07-28	emediagroup, inc.	Expansion	Printed Media	\$2,250,000	20
2011-07-06	PRETTL Electronics Greenville Inc.	Expansion	Electronic Components	\$1,500,000	80
2011-05-25	CertusBank, N.A.	New	Banking		350
2011-05-16	ADEX Machining Technologies, LLC	Expansion	custom machining	\$1,000,000	10
2011-03-29	Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.	Expansion	Pharmaceuticals	\$8,500,000	15
2011-03-10	Automation Engineering Corporation	Expansion	Custom Equipment	\$6,100,000	78
2011-01-12	Perceptis, Inc.	New	Customer support	\$1,125,000	200

Between January 2011 and December 2014, the unemployment rate in Greenville County has decreased by 3.4 percentage points from 8.4 percent to 5 percent. There are now 14,483 more people employed in the county and 7,395 fewer people unemployed.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Greenville County:

	Senate Delegation	Pay Raise Vote in 2014-15 Budget	Co-Sponsor of Cleary Transportation Tax Increase (S.523)
D	Karl Allen	N	N
R	Lee Bright	N	N
R	Tom Corbin	N	N
R	Mike Fair	N	N
R	Shane Martin	EA	N
R	Ross Turner	N	N
R	Danny Verdin	N	N

		Pay Raise Vote in 2014-15 Budget	Co-Sponsor of Haley Tax/Transportation Plan (H.3580)	Co-Sponsor of Simrill Tax Increase/Transportation (H.3579)
R	House Delegation			
R	Rita Allison	NV	Y	Y
R	Bruce Bannister	Y	Y	N
R	Eric Bedingfield	N	Y	N
R	Mike Burns	Y	N	N
R	Bill Chumley	N	N	N
D	Chandra Dillard	Y	N	N
R	Dan Hamilton	N	Y	N
R	Phyllis Henderson	NV	Y	Y
R	Dwight Loftis	Y	Y	Y
R	Wendy Nanney	N	Y	N
R	Josh Putnam	NV	Y	N
D	Leola Robinson-Simpson	Y	N	N
R	Garry Smith	N	Y	N
R	Tommy Stringer	N	Y	N
R	Mark Willis	N	Y	N