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To watch the governor's confirmation hearing at 10:00 AM, click here: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?421753-1/un-ambassador-nominee-governor-nikki-haley-testifies-confirmation-hearing>

Governor Nikki Haley, United Nations Confirmation News:

CNN: Trump nominee questions US funding of UN
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/17/politics/haley-un-confirmation-hearing/>
Nicole Gauette

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, tapped by President-elect Donald Trump to be UN ambassador, will question whether the US's funding of the world body is worth it in her opening testimony Wednesday at her Senate confirmation hearing. Haley is expected to rap the UN for its treatment of Israel and indicate that she thinks the US should reconsider its contribution of 22% of the annual budget.

Washington Post: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, tapped by President-elect Donald Trump to be https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-nominee-nikki-haley-set-to-show-skepticism-about-value-of-un/2017/01/17/4558615a-dcf0-11e6-acdf-14da832ae861_story.html?utm_term=.787102c31ba3

Anne Gearan, Sean Sullivan

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is preparing in her confirmation hearing to harshly criticize the Obama administration for allowing the U.N. Security Council to condemn Israel and pledge never to let it happen again if confirmed as the next U.N. ambassador.

Note: Haley will call the world body "often at odds with American national interests and American taxpayers," according to remarks prepared for delivery at her Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday.

McClatchy DC: Gov. Nikki Haley faces lots of questions about her experience in hearing for UN role
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article127094109.html#storylink=cpy>

Matthew Schofield

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is about to leave behind her comfort zone – being a popular governor in a state she knows well – and enter a world of international politics that is complicated, can be brutal and is certainly well outside her experience.

USA Today: Nikki Haley could face questions about human rights abuses at Senate hearing
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/01/18/south-carolina-governor-nikki-haley-senate-confirmation-hearing/96672474/>

Jessica Durando

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will likely face questions about human rights violations during her Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday to be President-elect Donald Trump's U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Haley, 44, has little foreign policy experience, but supporters have explained she's traveled abroad at least eight times during her two terms as governor.

LA Times: Nikki Haley faces Senate confirmation hearing to be U.N. ambassador
<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-pol-haley-un-2017-story.html>

Tracy Wilkinson

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, President-elect Donald Trump's pick for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, is expected to sail through her Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday. Haley, the daughter of immigrants from northern India, is a popular Republican governor and is seen as a rising star in the GOP. She is the first female governor of South Carolina, and at 44 is the nation's youngest governor.

Reuters: Trump's U.N. nominee to blast world body over Israel: testimony
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-congress-haley-idUSKBN15131R>

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations will blast the world body over its treatment of Israel at her Senate confirmation hearing, according to prepared testimony seen by Reuters on Tuesday.

Note: "Nowhere has the UN's failure been more consistent and more outrageous than in its bias against our close ally Israel," Republican South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley said in the opening remarks for her appearance on Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

WIS: Gov. Haley begins confirmation process for UN Ambassador position Wednesday
<http://www.wistv.com/story/34283208/gov-haley-begins-confirmation-process-for-us-ambassador-position-wednesday>

Billie Jean Shaw

Governor Nikki Haley in the hot seat as she prepares to become a part of President-elect Donald Trump's cabinet Wednesday. Haley will undergo confirmation hearings to become the next US ambassador to the United Nations. The hearing begins at 10 a.m. It will start with Senator Lindsey Graham introducing Gov. Haley.

WIS: Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott to introduce Nikki Haley at Senate hearing
<http://www.wistv.com/story/34280636/lindsey-graham-tim-scott-to-introduce-nikki-haley-at-senate-hearing>

Jeremy Turnage

As Gov. Nikki Haley prepares for likely the biggest job interview of her life, she'll be aided by two of her fellow Palmetto State politicians. Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham will introduce Haley before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday as the two-term South Carolina governor looks for confirmation to be the next United States ambassador to the United Nations.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: Cancellation indicates Lt. gov. can't pick successor
<https://apnews.com/0d14415d7017477199d5b2c63f7fdac8>

Seanna Adcox

The South Carolina Supreme Court on Tuesday canceled a hearing over how the lieutenant governor's office can be filled if Gov. Nikki Haley becomes U.N. ambassador, indicating that Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster won't be able to pick his successor. No one is legally arguing he should.

The State: Supreme Court indicates Senate leader will replace McMaster
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article127074204.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

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.

Post and Courier: Sen. Hugh Leatherman aims to rid South Carolina of 'dark money' with new bill

http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/sen-hugh-leatherman-aims-to-rid-south-carolina-of-dark/article_bd08f08c-dcde-11e6-9a23-ff9a1ab22820.html

Maya T. Prabhu

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman is aiming to start the ethics reform battle again this year with a renewed attempt to rid South Carolina of anonymous campaign donors and their so-called "dark money." Leatherman, R-Florence, introduced a bill Tuesday that would require third-party campaign groups to disclose where their money comes from.

The State: Senator wants influential 'dark money' donors revealed

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article126988349.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman wants so-called "dark money" political groups to reveal their donors. Those groups do not reveal their donors or how much money they receive from those donors. The groups then use the money to push political issues or try to defeat candidates.

WIS: Proposed bill could change online shopping in SC

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34281155/proposed-bill-could-change-online-shopping-in-sc>

Ashleigh Holland

A bill filed in the South Carolina Senate is gaining traction; if passed, it would allow for South Carolina online shoppers to pay the state's 6 percent sales tax on purchases through out-of-state companies. Senator Marlon Kimpson (D-Charleston) sponsored the bill. On Tuesday, it passed through two Senate committees.

WIS: SC lawmakers propose seat belts on school buses

<http://www.wistv.com/story/34281940/sc-lawmakers-propose-seat-belts-on-school-buses>

Michael Clark

A proposal to require seat belts on South Carolina school buses was presented to lawmakers in the education and public works committee in Columbia on Tuesday. The bill, H 3027, was sponsored by Rep. Gary Clary (R-Pickens County). Clary told WBTV he was in the process of writing legislation in 2016 around the time of a deadly school bus crash in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Associated Press: Lawmaker faces new bond hearing on domestic violence charge

<https://apnews.com/33c633e76e3c4991a0215ea4173eca5e>

Jeffrey Collins

A South Carolina lawmaker facing the state's most serious domestic violence charge outside of murder is going before a judge to have a new bond issued. A grand jury indicted suspended Rep. Chris Corley on felony charges of domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature and pointing a firearm. If convicted, the 36-year-old Republican faces up to 25 years in prison.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster paying off ethics penalties before becoming governor

http://www.postandcourier.com/politics/lt-gov-henry-mcmaster-paying-off-ethics-penalties-before-becoming/article_900fab34-dcc0-11e6-a667-bbdf93cef8b4.html

Andy Shain

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster is paying off his ethics penalties in the week before he could become the state's 117th governor. McMaster has paid a \$5,100 fine to the State Ethics Commission and is planning this week to refund \$69,200 in excess campaign contributions to 51 donors from his 2010 governor bid, his campaign attorney, Butch Bowers, told The Post and Courier on Tuesday.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: President Obama leaving office with lofty aspirations unfulfilled

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/editorials/president-obama-leaving-office-with-lofty-aspirations-unfulfilled/article_aedceefc-dd09-11e6-803d-0bfb0e4eebcc.html

Editorial

President Barack Obama leaves office Friday after eight years with a mixed record that falls far short of the hopes he raised when he was sworn into office Jan. 20, 2009. Despite this, and despite the devastating losses his Democratic party suffered while he occupied the Oval Office, Mr. Obama

remains popular.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Greenville News: Graham touts BMW's S.C. success in light of Trump comments

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2017/01/17/graham-touts-bmws-sc-success-light-trump-comments/96663576/>

Elizabeth LaFleur

Sen. Lindsey Graham fired off a series of tweets highlighting BMW's impact on South Carolina following comments from President-elect Donald Trump over the weekend. Trump reportedly took aim at German automakers BMW and Mercedes-Benz, threatening a 35-percent tax on vehicles imported into the U.S. by those companies.

Politico: Senate Budget Committee announces Mulvaney nomination hearing

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/donald-trump-administration/2017/01/mick-mulvaney-confirmation-hearing-omb-233717>

Ben Weyl

The Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Rep. Mick Mulvaney to lead the White House Office of Management and Budget next Tuesday. A founding member of the hardline House Freedom Caucus, the South Carolina Republican could face opposition among Democrats.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: State-required testing in science, social studies could drop

<https://apnews.com/06db17eda1d24a04b5da8937f113a8fa>

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina students would take fewer end-of-year tests in science and social studies under recommendations adopted Tuesday by the state's Education Oversight Committee. The governing board of the agency that oversees student testing voted 8-5 to reduce state-mandated testing in the subjects. If the Legislature approves, standardized testing would alternate between the subjects in fourth through eighth grades.

Post and Courier: Obama's last big labor regulation could impact S.C.'s growing aerospace sector

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/obama-s-last-big-labor-regulation-could-impact-s-c/article_8fae90b4-dcc6-11e6-ab22-7f808c06e27e.html

Thad Moore

One of the Obama administration's last workplace regulations takes aim at a material common in one of South Carolina's fastest-growing industries. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration published a rule this month that will sharply limit workers' exposure to beryllium, which is widely used in aerospace manufacturing.

Post and Courier: S.C. Department of Corrections hopes to boost officer pay another \$1,500

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/s-c-department-of-corrections-hopes-to-boost-officer-pay/article_1220430a-dcf2-11e6-84e7-8784b33b5451.html

Maya T. Prabhu

The head of the S.C. Department of Corrections is asking the state for another \$1,500 salary increase for officers in state prisons. Director Bryan Sterling said the \$1,500 pay increase approved by the General Assembly last year took him a step toward increasing retention but that more needs to be done.

The State: Trump seeks state approval to limit pollution liability at SC site

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article127129139.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell

A company owned by President-elect Donald Trump is seeking South Carolina's approval to limit its liability for pollution at a North Charleston industrial site once affiliated with Trump's son. DB Pace Acquisitions, which lists the president-elect as owner, has asked the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for a voluntary cleanup contract to deal with contamination on the land.

Post and Courier: Teachers are becoming a hot commodity as South Carolina's teacher shortfall

worsens

http://www.postandcourier.com/news/teachers-are-becoming-a-hot-commodity-as-south-carolina-s/article_413acaaa-dcd1-11e6-b5db-4735a7b09411.html

Paul Bowers

Ten thousand dollars will buy you a lot in Gaffney. It's a down payment on a house. It's half of the per-capita income in the area. And it's what the Cherokee County School District is willing to pay as a signing bonus for a certified teacher.

Local News:

WSPA: DSS Upstate Regional Director passes away, autopsy scheduled

<http://wspa.com/2017/01/17/dss-regional-director-passes-away-autopsy-scheduled/>

Keith Frazier passed away in his sleep Sunday night, the coroner confirms. Frazier was the former director of Greenville County D.S.S. (Department of Social Services) and served as the current D.S.S. Regional Director at the time of the death.

Post and Courier: Charleston ports agency proposal would preserve Daniel Island waterfront property

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/charleston-ports-agency-proposal-would-preserve-daniel-island-waterfront-property/article_2f0563ca-dce2-11e6-84e5-1f099d756562.html

David Wren

The State Ports Authority wants to convert roughly 115 acres it owns on Daniel Island into a saltwater wetlands mitigation bank, preserving the site for public recreational use in what would become South Carolina's largest saltwater restoration project.

National News:

Associated Press: More clemency coming after Obama shortens Manning's sentence

<https://apnews.com/7b76c77503af486880f9337b32bf9294>

Josh Lederman, Eric Tucker

Embracing his clemency powers like never before, President Barack Obama is planning more commutations in his final days in office after a dramatic move to cut short convicted leaker Chelsea Manning's sentence. Obama became the president to have granted more commutations than any other when he announced Tuesday that Manning will be freed in May, almost 30 years ahead of schedule.