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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Associated Press:** SC high court hearing Certificate of Need case

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ik7zdHWi](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ik7zdHWi)

Meg Kinnard

South Carolina's highest court is gearing up for a debate over whether the state's health agency can end a program that regulates the building or expansion of medical facilities. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments Thursday on the Certificate of Need program. The Department of Health and Environment Control suspended the program last year after Gov. Nikki Haley vetoed the \$1.7 million needed to run it.

**Associated Press:** Damage in tens of millions from SC winter storm

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=F1QIVDat](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=F1QIVDat)

Bruce Smith

The damage tally from the February winter storm that left South Carolina coated in ice and buried in snow is more than \$100 million so far, and the state is expected to qualify as a federal disaster area. Initial estimates of the damage and cleanup costs from the Feb. 11-13 storm, considered the worst in a decade, are at least \$120 million.

**Note:** Once the damage totals are computed, Gov. Nikki Haley will have 30 days to ask President Barack Obama for a disaster declaration. If declared, it would be the first in the state in almost a decade.

### S.C. Political News:

**Times and Democrat:** Speaking of euthanasia, Connor says seniors can do their own math on Obamacare

[http://thetandd.com/news/speaking-of-euthanasia-connor-says-seniors-can-do-their-own/article\\_d4e8043e-a0fc-11e3-b61a-001a4bcf887a.html](http://thetandd.com/news/speaking-of-euthanasia-connor-says-seniors-can-do-their-own/article_d4e8043e-a0fc-11e3-b61a-001a4bcf887a.html)

Gene Zaleski

Orangeburg attorney Bill Connor, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, told seniors Thursday health care reform will hurt and not help the elderly. "If you are rationing things out and trying to get a system where the government tries to decide who gets health care, then if you are an elderly person, you can do your own sort of math and find out how they will be using it," Connor said. "That is wrong."

**Island Packet:** S.C. secretary of state candidate to visit Hilton Head

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/02/28/2975028/sc-secretary-of-state-candidate.html#storylink=cpy>

Tom Barton

A Charleston nonprofit consultant running for S.C. secretary of state will stop on Hilton Head Island on Saturday for a private political fundraiser. Ginny Deerin co-founded Project XX, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting women candidates for statewide positions. She also managed Charleston Mayor Joe Riley's last re-election bid in 2011 and founded WINGS for Kids, an after-school program that teaches young children social and emotional skills.

### Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

**Post and Courier:** Finding the logical range

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140301/PC1002/140309928/1021/finding-the-logical-range>

Editorial

When the S.C. Legislature responded to the 2012 mass murder at a Connecticut elementary school by relaxing gun laws, some concluded that there was no limit to the gun zeal in this state. But then came the sound defeat of a proposal from Republican Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, last week. Seventeen members of the Senate Judiciary Committee killed his bill, which would have let just about anyone in South



Carolina buy and carry weapons without a background check, without a permit and without training.

## Legislative Session News:

**The State:** Time for the Senate's health (care) checkup

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/28/3297488/the-buzz-time-for-the-senates.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

A lengthy debate is expected to begin next week in the state Senate on Beaufort Republican Tom Davis long-awaited amendment to a bill that would curb the federal Affordable Care Act in South Carolina. Davis' amendment aims to turn a S.C. House-approved health care nullification bill, which says, essentially, "Hey, D.C., no way we're following your law," into one that says, "Hey, D.C., no way you're taking control of our state's public resources to enact this law."

**The State:** What's in the latest Senate proposal to fight the Affordable Care Act in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/28/3297629/early-buzz-whats-in-the-latest.html#storylink=cpy>

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**The State:** SC lawmakers look to make lying about military service a crime

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/28/3297814/sc-lawmakers-look-to-make-lying.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

The South Carolina General Assembly is considering a bill that would make it a crime for a person to lie about his or her military service or receive a medal in order to gain a tangible benefit. State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Georgetown, said he filed the bill at the behest of the Georgetown VFW and other veterans in his district, which runs from Murrells Inlet to Mount Pleasant and is home to legions of military retirees.

## South Carolina News:

**The State:** Glenn McConnell, Andrew Card among College of Charleston's 5 presidential finalists

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/28/3297876/glenn-mcconnell-andrew-card-among.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell and former White House chief of staff Andrew Card are among the five finalists for president chosen by College of Charleston trustees on Friday, a source familiar with the search told The State. Jody Encarnation, a College of Charleston graduate who spent three decades on the faculty of Harvard University, also is a finalist. The names of the other two finalists were not available.

**Post and Courier:** Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell said to be finalist in search for College of Charleston president

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140228/PC16/140229365/1389/lt-gov-glenn-mcconnell-said-to-be-finalist-in-search-for-college-of-charleston-president>

Diane Knich

Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell is among the finalists for the job of president of the College of Charleston despite not being among the five candidates recommended by the school's presidential search committee. The State newspaper in Columbia, citing a source familiar with the search, said that McConnell, former White House chief of staff Andrew Card and Jody Encarnation, a College of Charleston graduate who spent three decades on the faculty of Harvard University are among the finalists.

**The State:** Reorganization of Richland elections office in works

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/02/28/3297800/reorganization-of-richland-elections.html#storylink=cpy>

Dawn Hinshaw

Richland legislators say they are moving to reorganize the county elections office to comply with a judge's ruling last fall that its 2011 merger with voter registration functions was unconstitutional. The lawsuit filed by the South Carolina Public Interest Foundation has the practical effect of removing some of local legislators' influence over the running of the office, lawsuit plaintiff Rusty DePass said Friday.

**Greenville News:** I-85 Inland Port traffic to be studied

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20140301/BUSINESS/303010098/I-85-Inland-Port-traffic-studied>  
Rudolph Bell

Local officials say the state government still hasn't answered their questions about how much additional truck traffic they can expect along Interstate 85 as a result of the new South Carolina Inland Port in Greer. So they've commissioned their own study.

**Anderson Independent:** Graham calls Putin 'a bully'; hopes for strong U.S. response in Ukraine  
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2014/feb/28/graham-calls-putin-a-bully-hopes-for-strong-us/?partner=RSS>

Michael Eads

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham did not mince words Friday when asked how the U.S. should respond to recent Russian moves in the southern Ukraine. "If ever there was a time to reset our relations with Russia, it is now," said Graham, who was on the Clemson University campus for a ceremony honoring Upstate veterans. "President Obama needs to rally the world to the Ukrainian cause ... Russia is trying to annex the Crimea by force."

**Associated Press:** SC State formally inaugurates new president  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZMwxkek6](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ZMwxkek6)

South Carolina State University is holding a formal inauguration ceremony for President Thomas Elzey more than eight months after he started leading the school. The inauguration ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday comes after several days of ceremonies to celebrate the historically black college's 11th president.

## **National News:**

**Wall Street Journal:** Abysmal Ambassadorial Nominations  
<http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304255604579407782642679524>  
Senator John McCain

Does Norway have a president? What strategic interests do we have in Hungary? Is the government of Argentina an ally of the United States? Unfortunately, President Obama's ambassadorial nominees for these countries could not answer these basic questions accurately or at all during their confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last month.

**Wall Street Journal:** Russia Moves to Deploy Troops in Ukraine  
[http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303801304579412380376851854?mod=wsj\\_streaming\\_stream&mg=reno64-wsj](http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303801304579412380376851854?mod=wsj_streaming_stream&mg=reno64-wsj)

Lukas Alpert, James Marson Russia's parliament voted unanimously on Saturday to authorize a request from President Vladimir Putin to deploy Russian troops in Ukraine, defying warnings from U.S. President Barack Obama and other Western leaders not to intervene. Russian lawmakers also asked Mr. Putin to recall the country's ambassador to the U.S. Mr. Obama has publicly warned Russia that there would be costs for any military intervention in Ukraine.

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