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### Governor Nikki Haley News

**Associated Press:** Advocates ask SC legislators to expand Medicaid

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4fMsi4N9](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4fMsi4N9)

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley on Thursday touted her Medicaid agency's plan to fully reimburse rural hospitals for treating people without health insurance, as a way to stabilize rural hospitals that struggle to stay open. Haley and director Tony Keck said the policy focuses support on hot spots of poor health. "For too long, the money hasn't followed the problem," said Keck, director of the state Department of Health and Human Services.

**Note:** Dr. John Hicks, a cardiologist at Clarendon Memorial, took issue with the notion that Haley was throwing a bone to rural hospitals that are advocating for the Medicaid expansion. "It's not throwing a bone. It's throwing a lifeline," he said.

**Post and Courier:** Haley: Lifting up rural S.C. hospitals a priority

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209365/1005/haley-lifting-up-rural-sc-hospitals-a-priority>

Stephen Largen

Two days after being accused by Democrats of "declaring war" on rural South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley rolled out more details on an initiative to provide additional funding to rural hospitals. "I have always said I'm a rural town girl," said Haley, who grew up in Bamberg. "And what you are seeing is me become a rural town governor." In her State of the State address last month, Haley first announced that the state would fully reimburse rural hospitals for care provided to people who cannot pay for it.

**Note:** Troy Gamble, chief medical officer for Williamsburg Regional Hospital, said Thursday that the facility came within two weeks of closing a few months ago. The Haley administration's new program will help keep the hospital open, he said.

**The State:** Rural hospital payments rising, along with rhetoric at SC State House

Democrats call Haley's plan 'political theater'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2623414/rural-hospital-payments-rising.html>

Joey Holleman

Gov. Nikki Haley, who wants the state to reject expanding Medicaid, called a news conference Wednesday to draw attention to her plan for the state to pay 19 rural hospitals more for caring for uninsured patients. As the Republican governor's news conference wrapped up in the State House lobby, state Rep. James Smith, D-Richland, offered the Democratic response from a second podium that had been rolled up nearby, just before Haley began. While most political observers expect the Legislature will side with Haley on Medicaid expansion, the dueling news conferences showed that passion runs high on the subject.

**Note:** The program advocated by Haley will pump about \$20 million a year in what is called Disproportionate Share Hospital payments to facilities in rural areas. Those payments help reimburse hospitals for service given to uninsured patients. "If we can bring up health care in rural areas, we can bring up health care for all of South Carolina," Haley said.

**Associated Press:** Haley touts Medicaid shift to rural hospitals

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Staff Report

South Carolina's Medicaid agency will begin fully reimbursing rural hospitals this October for treating people without health insurance. Gov. Nikki Haley and Medicaid director Tony Keck touted the shift Thursday as a way to stabilize rural hospitals that struggle to stay open. Haley says the policy focuses support on hot spots of poor health.

**Note:** Haley first announced the policy change in her State of the State address. Her news conference to explain the change came two days after Democratic legislators accused Haley of disregarding rural areas.

**Associated Press:** A look at which hospitals get more Medicaid money

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

Staff Report

The state's Medicaid agency will begin in October fully compensating rural hospitals their cost of treating patients who lack health insurance. The agency plans to add the Bamberg hospital, if it reopens.

**The State:** Former SC Revenue staffers: Hackers should have been spotted

Former department officials say logs should have shown unusual activity before data was stolen

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2623407/former-sc-revenue-staffers-hackers.html>

Andy Shain

Checking state computer logs could have spotted hackers before they stole financial data from the S.C. Department of Revenue belonging to 6.4 million consumers and businesses, two former agency employees said Thursday. The logs should have shown unusual activity as hackers searched department servers and stole data over three weeks in August and September, said the agency's former chief information officer, Mike Garon, and former computer security administrator, Scott Shealy.

**Greenville News:** Ousted S.C. Revenue official 'flabbergasted' by hacking

Garon says breach should have been detected by agency

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130208/NEWS09/302080049/Ousted-S-C-Revenue-official-flabbergasted-by-hacking>

Tim Smith

The transfer of massive files from the state Revenue Department by a foreign hacker should have been detected in the agency's logs, two former key computer officials at the agency said, raising new questions about what happened and security at the agency. Michael Garon, the agency's former chief information officer who was asked to leave the agency before the hacking was discovered, told lawmakers that he is baffled why the hacker's file transfer wasn't detected by staffers who should have been monitoring such logs.

**Post and Courier:** Former S.C. Department of Revenue official 'flabbergasted' by breach

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209341/1005/former-sc-department-of-revenue-official-x2018-flabbergasted-x2019-by-breach>

Stephen Largen

The S.C. Department of Revenue's former chief information officer Thursday claimed partial responsibility for the massive breach of taxpayer information but said he remains baffled that the breach went undetected by the agency. "If procedures were not adequate, that is my responsibility," said Mike Garon, who testified before a panel of House lawmakers investigating the cyberattack at the state's tax-collection agency.

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## South Carolina News

**Post and Courier:** A stronger FOI law (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC1002/130209382/1021/a-stronger-foi-law>

Editorial

The sad fact is that some South Carolina governmental agencies and officials don't want people to know what they're doing, how they're spending taxes and who's giving them money. Also, sad to say, the mindset at some public agencies is that their convenience comes first and the public's right to know how its business is being conducted comes later. So it is heartening that a subcommittee of the S.C. House Judiciary Committee on Thursday gave its OK to a bill intended to stop some of those abuses.

**Associated Press:** Former SC CIO says logs should have caught hacker

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qqHMXD6e](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qqHMXD6e)

Seanna Adcox

The former chief information officer of South Carolina's revenue agency accepted partial responsibility Thursday for the cyber-theft of millions of taxpayers' personal data, even while questioning why his staff didn't catch it. Mike Garon told a House panel that he knew nothing about the hacking when he was forced to resign Sept. 21, a week after the thief removed data from the agency's computer servers. His two-hour

testimony marked the first time Garon has spoken about the debacle.

**Post and Courier:** PAC's \$23,000 payment to ad firm raises questions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209358/1005/pac-x2019-s-23000-payment-to-ad-firm-raises-questions>

Diane Knich

The advertising firm Rawle Murdy worked to push the completion of Interstate 526. Was it paid for that work? If so, who footed the bill? Some opponents of the extension said they think it was paid, and by the Palmetto Leadership Council. State ethics officials said that, even if that's true, there is nothing illegal about it because the state has no law governing political action committees, and hasn't since 2010.

**The State:** S.C. House public records bill advances

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2622589/sc-house-public-records-bill.html>

Jamie Self

A state House subcommittee approved a bill aimed at strengthening the state's open records laws Thursday. Sponsored by state Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, the bill seeks to amend the state's Freedom of Information Act – the law regulating public records – to curb excessive fees charged those seeking records and ensure those requests are filled in a timely manner.

**The State:** Public records bill advances in SC House

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2623412/public-records-bill-advances-in.html>

Jamie Self

A state House panel Thursday approved a bill aimed at making public records more accessible. Sponsored by state Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, the bill seeks to amend the Freedom of Information Act – the law regulating public records – to curb excessive fees charged those seeking records and ensure those requests are filled in a timely manner.

**The State:** South Carolina House sends texting bill back to committee

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/06/2621545/south-carolina-house-sends-texting.html>

Jamie Self

A bill that would make texting while driving illegal was sent back to committee Wednesday instead of lawmakers voting on it. Proposed by Rep. Don Bowen, R-Anderson, the bill would outlaw using electronic communication devices while driving impose penalties when the crime leads to traffic violations or accidents.

**Greenville News:** Seize chance to fix immigration law (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130208/OPINION/302080010/Seize-chance-fix-immigration-law>  
Editorial

As consensus emerges for some form of reasonable immigration reform this year, members of Congress need to work together to ensure that this is the last time this country needs to have this discussion that can easily turn contentious and end in futility. Two South Carolina lawmakers are in a unique position to influence this debate, and their leadership will be important as Congress moves forward throughout 2013, a year when many believe an immigration reform bill finally will be passed.

**Associated Press:** Clyburn not interested in US Transportation post

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BB7eDBeT](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BB7eDBeT)

Staff Report

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn says he's not interested in the top slot at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Clyburn spokesman Patrick Devlin said Thursday that South Carolina's lone congressional Democrat was honored to be mentioned for the position but wanted instead to stay focused on returning Democrats to control of the U.S. House.

**McClatchy:** Clyburn advanced for U.S. Transportation secretary

President is asked to select S.C. congressman, citing his 'legacy of public service'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2621766/clyburn-advanced-for-us-transportation.html>

James Rose

The head of the Congressional Black Caucus is urging President Barack Obama to nominate House Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn of Columbia to become the next U.S. secretary of transportation. U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge of Ohio, chairwoman of the group of African-American lawmakers, made the request in a letter to Obama on Monday, a copy of which was obtained by McClatchy.

**MCT Regional News:** Six SC congressmen ask Obama to fully fund MOX project

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2621667/six-sc-congressmen-ask-to-obama.html>

Mike Gellatly

Six South Carolina congressmen have signed their names to a letter that urges President Barack Obama to financially back the MOX project at the Savannah River Site. S.C. Reps. Jeff Duncan, James Clyburn, Trey Gowdy, Mick Mulvaney, Tom Rice and Joe Wilson all signed the letter, which comes after much speculation regarding the future funding of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility under construction at SRS near Aiken.

**Post and Courier:** Crowded GOP field is no good for anyone (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209360/1005/hicks-column-crowded-gop-field-is-no-good-for-anyone>

Brian Hicks

There are going to be a bunch of bruised egos around here come March 19, and most of them will belong to Republican candidates for Congress. There are 16 GOP hopefuls trying to succeed Tim Scott, who got a bump to senator after Jim DeMint deserted last year. Now, some of these 16 folks are more than qualified to serve in Congress — they could wreck the country as well as anyone.

**Associated Press:** Spartanburg wants schools closed for elections

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tNe8LQPk](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tNe8LQPk)

Staff Report

Spartanburg County election officials say they would like schools to be closed for voting in local races as a security measure. Spartanburg County elections director Henry Laye has asked the seven school boards in the county to consider setting a calendar for the coming school year that would have students out of classes for elections for school board and municipal offices.

**Post and Courier:** Suspect in Ashley Hall incident had long mental health past, documents show

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209340/1005/suspect-in-ashley-hall-incident-had-long-mental-health-past-documents-show>

Andrew Knapp

Nearly eight years ago, Alice Boland stood in line at a Canadian airport and got irritated. The U.S. Customs checks were taking too long. She blurted threats, first to Montreal police officers, according to U.S. court documents. Then she blamed President George W. Bush for the inconvenience.

**Post and Courier:** Court papers: Woman in Ashley Hall incident had threatened to shoot President Bush, senators

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130207/PC16/130209415/1005/court-papers-woman-in-ashley-hall-incident-had-threatened-to-shoot-president-bush-senators>

Andrew Knapp

The 28-year-old woman accused in an attempted murder at Charleston's Ashley Hall school had been indicted in 2005 on charges of threatening to shoot President George W. Bush, as well as "the entire U.S. Congress," according to federal court documents. Alice Boland pleaded not guilty for reasons of insanity and was later ordered into a mental health facility for treatment.

**Post and Courier:** Bus drivers' union, Durham continue talks Thursday, Durham looks forward to "continued progress"

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209361/1005/bus-drivers-x2019-union-durham-continue-talks-thursday-durham-looks-forward-to-x201c-continued-progress-x201d>

Diette Courrege Casey

Negotiations between the school bus drivers' union and Durham School Services continued Thursday, but the two sides still haven't reached an agreement on a new employment contract. Union bus drivers in Charleston authorized their leadership to call a strike more than three weeks ago, and drivers in Dorchester 2 and Beaufort have followed suit. Intense talks have continued since then.

**USA Today:** Teacher may lose job over flag-stomping

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130208/NEWS/302080047/Teacher-may-lose-job-over-flag-stomping>

Ron Barnett

Scott Compton has received threatening phone calls and hate mail and, according to his attorney Darryl Smalls, he fears for the safety of his wife and two young children. The English teacher at Chapin High School, near Columbia, S.C., also has been suspended from his job with a recommendation from the superintendent that he be fired, Lexington-Richland School District 5 spokesman Mark Bounds said.

**The State:** ETV film chronicles Gantt's journey

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2621764/etv-film-chronicles-gantts-journey.html#.URUDx2fZdU>

Otis R. Taylor Jr.

Harvey Gantt had local support when he integrated Clemson University 50 years ago. "When I got to the door of the dining room, there was, I was greeted by an African-American," Gantt says in "The Education of Harvey Gantt," ETV's documentary film that premieres tonight. "And he was just very gracious." All the cafeteria workers serving the students were black, Gantt recalls of his first visit to the campus dining hall in January 1963.

**Associated Press:** SC State to remember 1968's Orangeburg Massacre

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1HGdnuGQ](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1HGdnuGQ)

Staff Report

South Carolina State University is commemorating the anniversary of a shooting with a panel discussion on the impact the event had on college campuses. Friday marks 45 years since the event that became known as the Orangeburg massacre. Three S.C. State students were killed on Feb. 8, 1968, after state troopers opened fire on campus on protesters angry about a local bowling alley which was segregated.

**Post and Courier:** How to heal the wounds of Orangeburg Massacre, 45 years later (Opinion)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC1002/130209380/1021/how-to-heal-the-wounds-of-orangeburg-massacre-45-years-later>

Jack Bass

Today marks the 45th anniversary of the Orangeburg Massacre. This event deals with a great tragedy for our state, one that former Gov. Robert E. McNair, in his farewell address to the legislature in 1971, characterized as "a scar on our state's conscience." During an eight-to-ten-second burst of gunfire by law enforcement officers on the edge of the campus of what then was South Carolina State College, three students were fatally shot and 28 others were wounded.

**Greenville News:** North Greenville University gets largest-ever donation

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130208/NEWS/302080025/North-Greenville-University-gets-largest-ever-donation>

Angelia Davis

The largest single monetary gift ever given to North Greenville University will be used primarily to fund student scholarships. The university said Thursday it will receive \$6.25 million from the estate of long-time supporter Georgia T. Roberson, formerly of Anderson.

**Associated Press:** FL developer in court for SC State kickback probe

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

Staff Report

A Florida developer is expected to appear in court on charges related to an alleged kickback scheme involving a former trustee at South Carolina State University. Prosecutors say Richard Zahn is scheduled to have a hearing Friday in federal court in Charleston.

**Associated Press:** Clemson celebrating new life sciences facility

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

Staff Report

Clemson University is hosting a discussion on life sciences. The school's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences is hosting a colloquium entitled "Celebrating the Life Sciences" on Friday at McKissick Theatre.

**Associated Press:** Professor visits USC to talk physics of baseball

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ddbtt4cM](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ddbtt4cM)

Staff Report

A physics professor from the University of Illinois is visiting the campus of the two-time collegiate baseball champion to talk about the mechanics of America's favorite pastime and why the game is so tough to play.

University of South Carolina spokesman Jeff Stensland says professor Alan Nathan is scheduled to talk Friday about the science behind home runs, knuckleballs and pop flies. His lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Amoco Hall at the Swearingen Engineering Center.

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## Hyperlocal News

**Post and Courier:** Cruise experts speak to impact industry has on Charleston, other port cities  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209359/1005/cruise-experts-speak-to-impact-industry-has-on-charleston-other-port-cities>

Tyrone Richardson and Robert Behre

Charleston can research and write regulations to thwart problems that cruise-ship tourism has caused in other historic port cities across the globe, one cruise industry expert said Thursday. But its players must start talking first. "Charleston is in a unique position because it is just beginning to confront the issue of cruise tourism, and it has an opportunity to grow this at a pace that is for them," said Ross A. Klein of Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada.

**Associated Press:** Appeals court upholds ruling against AVX

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JPzbWU0X](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=JPzbWU0X)

Staff Report

A federal appeals court has agreed with a lower court that electronics manufacturer AVX Corp. is responsible for pollution at its old plant in Myrtle Beach. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reported (<http://bit.ly/W2Xt5N>) a panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., upheld the decision by U.S. District Judge Terry Wooten in 2011.

**Associated Press:** Former SC sheriff candidate heading to court

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

Staff Report

A former Secret Service agent who authorities say plotted to kidnap a former judge so he couldn't testify against him is heading to court. Prosecutors said James Bartee is scheduled to be in court in Anderson County on Friday morning.

**The State:** Letts a roadblock to improved Midlands bus service (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2623084/bolton-letts-a-roadblock-to-improved.html>

Warren Bolton

If Michael Letts' dogged attempt to overturn voters' approval of a penny sales tax for buses and roads is an indication of how he would have served on Richland County Council, I'm glad he lost. I wouldn't normally say such about someone our editorial board endorsed, but County Council has enough characters as it is; the last thing it needs is an opportunist and obstructionist who would throw up ridiculous roadblocks to thwart progress, which is exactly what Mr. Letts is doing.

**Post and Courier:** I-526 fatalities, wrecks and congestion subject of new study

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209339/1005/i-526-fatalities-wrecks-and-congestion-subject-of-new-study>

Prentiss Findlay

The new year got off to a grim start on Interstate 526 as two people lost their lives in back-to-back traffic accidents on an eight-mile stretch from North Charleston to West Ashley. The state is taking a \$1 million look at the section of the interstate — Rivers Avenue to U.S. Highway 17 — to see what improvements could be made. "Safety is a major component of this study," said Dipak Patel, technical applications director for the Department of Transportation.

**Post and Courier:** Meeting draws mostly negative comments on proposed Charleston tax hike

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209357/1005/meeting-draws-mostly-negative-comments-on-proposed-charleston-tax-hike>

Schuyler Kropf

Some Charleston residents are questioning whether Mayor Joe Riley is showing a knee-jerk reaction to school violence with his emergency, \$3.9 million tax-hike proposal to bring police coverage to all the city's elementary schools. One of those residents was Mick Norton, who said the proposed hike showed the administration is allowing extreme examples, such as the Connecticut school shootings, to suddenly "drive

general policy.”

**Associated Press:** Renovated fishing pier opening on Edisto Island

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0KTpDxjh](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0KTpDxjh)

Staff Report

It's a little easier now for fishermen to work the coastal waters in southern Charleston County. Officials from the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission on Friday are dedicating a new fishing pier at the Steamboat public boat ramp on Edisto Island.

**The State:** Hunting proposed for Baruch nature preserve on SC coast

Lawmakers would have to approve the paid hunts

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/08/2621523/hunting-proposed-for-baruch-nature.html#storylink=cpy>

Sammy Fretwell and Joey Holleman

Wild hogs and other nuisance wildlife are such a problem at a widely regarded coastal preserve that property managers want state permission to expand hunting on the 17,500-acre Baruch Foundation land north of Georgetown. The property is home to the Baruch Marine Laboratory, an internationally known scientific research site operated by the University of South Carolina. Clemson University also has a research agreement to use the Baruch Foundation preserve for forest and wildlife research.

**Post and Courier:** Jury mulling charges against former councilman accused of exposing himself and shooting gun

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209363/1005/jury-mulling-charges-against-former-councilman-accused-of-exposing-himself-and-shooting-gun>

Glenn Smith

Was former Mount Pleasant Town Councilman Robert Payne trying to shoot his neighbors in 2011, or was he just sending a message by drunkenly urinating off his boat, flipping them off and blasting a shotgun into the air? That is a question a Charleston County jury is mulling as it tries to decide whether to convict Payne, 67, on charges of first-degree assault and battery, pointing or presenting a firearm and indecent exposure.

**Post and Courier:** Lowcountry facility administers more HIV tests on Black Aids Awareness Day

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130208/PC16/130209356/1005/lowcountry-facility-administers-more-hiv-tests-on-black-aids-awareness-day>

Lauren Sausser

Clint Blunt, a program coordinator at Lowcountry AIDS Services in North Charleston, delivered the worst possible news to a patient last year. It was the first time he had administered an HIV-positive test. “It's emotionally draining to actually tell a person they are HIV positive, because you've changed that person's life,” Blunt said. “I'll remember the look on his face. I'll remember the way he reacted. I'll remember his name for the rest of my life. I went to my office and cried, and I went to (a co-worker's) office and cried. It's emotional.”

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**National News**

**USA Today:** History made: Cowan joins Scott in Senate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130207/NEWS/302070062/History-made-Cowan-joins-Scott-Senate>

Catalina Camia

For the first time in history, there will be two African Americans serving simultaneously in the U.S. Senate. William “Mo” Cowan, D-Mass., was sworn in Thursday by Vice President Biden to temporarily take the place of John Kerry. He joins Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., who also was appointed to his post. Cowan, a former chief of staff to Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, will serve for about four months. He was escorted into the Senate by Secretary of State Kerry and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., for a brief ceremony.

**Associated Press:** NTSB: 787 battery approval should be reconsidered

[http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2622588/ntsb-787-battery-approval-should.html#.URUC\\_2fZdU](http://www.thestate.com/2013/02/07/2622588/ntsb-787-battery-approval-should.html#.URUC_2fZdU)

Joan Lowy and Joshua Freed

The government should reassess its safety approval of the Boeing 787's lithium ion batteries, the nation's top accident investigator said Thursday, casting doubt on whether the airliner's troubles can be remedied quickly. If Boeing is forced to switch to a different type of battery, it would add weight to the plane - and fuel

efficiency is one of the 787's main selling points.

**Bloomberg News:** Trucking jobs on a roll

Growth creating demand for drivers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130208/BUSINESS/302080028/Trucking-jobs-roll>

Jeff Kearns

Robert Boyd quit his job as a bank assistant branch manager to start truck-driving school in September. He graduated in December and landed work behind the wheel of a rig at twice the pay. Boyd saw opportunities in driving school ads on television, articles in the paper and trucks filling the roads. He contacted recruiters and enrolled at the Western Area Career & Technology Center, about 25 miles from his Pittsburgh, Penn., home. Demand for its graduates has climbed amid a national driver shortage and a local shale-gas drilling boom that are both boosting competition for drivers.

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