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NH: "It's all about kindness. You know we have seen that in bills that have come up this year that have tried to divide people. Even in this presidential that tries to divide people. It is so important that you remember that, you know, the goodness in people. And that you don't do that. And that you don't pick groups to hate. You don't pick people to divide. What you have to remember is, that at the end of the day, we are all, you know we all have the same hopes and fears and dreams and things like that. And so if you notice I have really tried to keep a tone, more than anything, a civil tone and a tone of respect and acceptance and love and kindness, whether it's in the Statehouse or outside. That's something that I want all South Carolinians to remember."

The Post and Courier: It's kind of interesting then that you have the rise of Donald Trump in the aftermath of the shooting. So you have on one hand the atmosphere you are talking about and on the other hand you have an atmosphere that is much more divisive in the rhetoric. What do you make of the two contrasting...

NH: "It's the reason why I was vocal about it. Is because I know what that rhetoric can do. I saw it happen on June 17. I know what he did leading up to June 17. I know what his motivations were and what caused it. And what caused it were people like that, that spoke about dividing people and separating groups. And did things. So, bad things can happen when you have that rhetoric like that and people can get hurt. And it's very important that you never let that happen."

The State: And of course you know, one would look at what happened in Charleston and say this was one person who is very hateful, who committed this crime. But then Donald Trump, he's about to win the GOP presidential nomination which seems to suggest that this might be a much, much broader cultural phenomenon. Do you think that society has become too tolerant of intolerance?

NH: " You know I'm not going to talk about the rest of the country. I think South Carolina has, and you know that's my focus, my focus is on South Carolina. When I go out and I speak nationally anywhere, it's always with a civil tone. It's always remembering that , you know, at least from a Republican standpoint we grow our tent. We accept people in, we don't go to our corners and talk to the same people that you always talk to, you go to a different corner. You bring in a another group and you talk to them. And you don't what they should think or what they should feel. You listen to them and when you listen to them you learn you have a lot in common. That's what I wish I was seeing right now and we're not. So, I don't know what happens from the presidential standpoint. My focus is on South Carolina and making sure that that tome never comes into the state."

The Associated Press: Bringing it back to South Carolina... Trump did win South Carolina. Were you disappointed, surprised by that? What does that say?

NH: "I mean you know from the polling standpoint we knew he was going to win. My reasoning for endorsing Marco was to bring up the rest of the people, to show that's not all of who we are. So I don't think that people who support Trump are haters. I don't think that people who support Trump are racists. I think that's a different kind of anger in that they're upset with Washington, D.C. They're upset that nothing got done and that's what this is about. The way he communicates that, I wish were different. Because I think that that's, you have a big responsibility when you communicate something, and the tone in which you communicate it and the ability in which you communicate it is very important for, just for the well-being of the state or the country."