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DAYBREAK

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■ TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2017. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 20, 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

On this date: In 1265, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.

In 1649, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month's end).

In 1887, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died after his physician injected the mortally ill monarch with morphine and cocaine to hasten his death; the king was succeeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne 11 months later to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were sworn in for their second terms of office in a private Sunday ceremony (a public ceremony was held the next day).

In 1969, Richard M. Nixon was inaugurated as the 37th President of the United States.

In 1977, Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as the 39th President of the United States.

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1992, an Air Inter Airbus A-320 crashed near Strasbourg, France, killing 87 of the 96 people on board.

In 2001, George Walker Bush became America's 43rd president after one of the most turbulent elections in U.S. history.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut **Buzz Aldrin** is 87. Movie director **David Lynch** is 71. Comedian **Bill Maher** is 61. Actor **Lorenzo Lamas** is 59. **Sophie, Countess of Wessex**, is 52. Actor **Rainn Wilson** is 51. Actress **Stacey Dash** is 50. South Carolina Gov. **Nikki Haley** is 45. Actor **Evan Peters** is 30.

Thought for Today: "America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." — **Alexis de Tocqueville, French author (1805-1859).**

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The state Supreme Court made it clear Wednesday that Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster can't pick his successor if Gov. Nikki Haley is confirmed as ambassador to the United Nations.

Justices ruled that a constitutional amendment changing the lines of succession won't take effect until the 2018 election. That means the state constitution still calls on the Senate's leader to fill a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office, requiring Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman to do some maneuvering to keep his powerful leadership post.

He refuses to become lieutenant governor.

Sen. Tom Davis had asked the justices to settle a discrepancy on when the change, approved by voters in 2012, took effect. Leatherman initially asked the justices to decide nothing unless McMaster is actually sworn in, calling Davis' request speculation that relies on a series of assumptions.

Haley's confirmation process began Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee, two days before the inauguration of her new

would-be boss, President-elect Donald Trump. McMaster would ascend to the governor's office after Haley resigns.



**HENRY
McMASTER**

"The Supreme Court is to be commended for acting both swiftly and correctly in this matter before the political dominoes start to fall," said Davis, R-Beaufort.

Last week, the state's high court accepted Davis' request to take the case directly and set a hearing for Wednesday. But justices canceled it, calling it moot, after Leatherman filed a response essentially agreeing with Davis.

Questions arose from a 2014 law ratifying voters' approval of the amendment.

Both the 2012 law asking citizens to vote on the amendment and the opening clause of the ballot question itself specified that succession changes would begin "with the general election of 2018."

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Haley has confirmation hearing

Governor says she supports moving US embassy in Israel to Jerusalem

By **RICHARD LARDNER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared her support for moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a shift firmly endorsed by Donald Trump but one that could trigger increased violence in the Middle East.

Haley, Trump's pick to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday that she "absolutely" backs the embassy move because that's what Israel and congressional Republicans want. But a spokesman for Jordan's government recently told The Associated Press that the embassy move would be a "red line" for Amman and "inflame the Islamic and Arab streets."

Jordan serves as custodian of a

major Islamic shrine in east Jerusalem and the Palestinians seek a capital there.

Congress ordered the embassy relocation more than 20 years ago, but presidents ever since, Republican and Democrat, have refused to comply. Several Republican senators have proposed legislation that would withhold 50 percent of the State Department's 2017 budget until the embassy move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is completed.

During a confirmation hearing that lasted nearly three-and-a-half hours, Haley took a tougher stance against Russia than Trump, who will be sworn in Friday, and agreed with a Republican senator who said Syria is committing

genocide against its people.

Haley said she believes Russia committed war crimes by bombing Syrian civilians in the city of Aleppo. Rex Tillerson, Trump's choice for secretary of state, declined to make that accusation during his confirmation hearing last week.

While Trump has said he believes Russia can be a partner, Haley said she doesn't think Moscow can be trusted right now. She said she's opposed to lifting existing sanctions against Russia unless it changes its behavior in Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere. Cooperation with Russia in such areas as counterterrorism, Haley said, depends on Moscow altering course.

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"The problem is there are no boundaries with Russia," said Haley, who added that the U.S. needs to let Moscow know "we are not OK" with Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its incursions into eastern Ukraine.

Haley assailed the Obama administration for failing to block a U.N. Security Council resolution that condemned Israel's settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. She pledged to reject future measures that she said unfairly targeted the Jewish state, if the Senate confirms her nomination.

Haley said she won't go to

U.N. headquarters in New York and "abstain when the U.N. seeks to create an international environment that encourages boycotts of Israel." She told the committee the U.N. resolution was "a terrible mistake" that makes a peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians harder to achieve.

Israel's ambassador to the U.N., Danny Danon, thanked Haley in a statement issued during the hearing for her "unequivocal support and her clear statement regarding the U.N.'s discrimination against Israel."

Haley acknowledged she is new to international diplomacy. But she said while the U.N.

has had many successes, citing health and food programs that have saved millions of lives, "any honest assessment also finds an institution that is often at odds with American national interests and American taxpayers."

The United States contributes 22 percent of the organization's budget, and Haley questioned whether such a sizable investment is worthwhile.

"We are a generous nation," Haley said. "But we must ask ourselves what good is being accomplished by this disproportionate contribution. Are we getting what we pay for?"

Haley said she would focus on "fixing" the U.N. and

agreed that money should not continue to be funneled into programs that don't work. But she said she's not in favor of a "slash and burn" strategy in which American dollars are used as leverage. She said she doesn't agree with conservative lawmakers who want to withhold any U.S. financial contributions to the U.N. until the Security Council resolution is repealed.

Last December, Israel and its supporters lashed out at Obama for his decision to abstain and allow the U.N. Security Council to approve the resolution, which called the Israeli settlements "a flagrant violation under international law."

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UN Ambassador-designate, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, accompanied by her husband Michael, left, prepares to testify on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday at her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.



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UN Ambassador-designate, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, arrives for a meeting Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Legislators ready to work with dealmaker McMaster

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COLUMBIA

After 14 years of combative Govs. Mark Sanford and Nikki Haley, S.C. lawmakers are ready for a deal-maker.

They think they have one in soon-to-be Gov. Henry McMaster, a Ronald Reagan Republican, former U.S. attorney and state attorney general known for using his deep Southern drawl to build a consensus.

"He's pragmatic," said state

Rep. Greg Delleney, R-Chester. "He gets people together to reach compromises. He doesn't dig into one position, and you're either with him or you're not."

Publicly, S.C. lawmakers offer mostly guarded assessments of Haley and their optimism about McMaster, who will ascend to the governor's office once Haley is confirmed as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in a few weeks.

Privately, however, some are giddy to trade in Haley — a 44-year-old Republican who bashed lawmakers in the GOP-controlled Legislature on Facebook and in their hometowns, offered failing "grades" to those who disagreed with her and told a real estate group to "take a good shower" after visiting the

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With 2 empty House seats, a look at past resignations in S.C. Legislature. **3A**

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MCMASTER

State House — for McMaster, a GOP governor they think will work with them.

An S.C. Republican Party mainstay over the past four decades, the 69-year-old McMaster has stayed silent on the top issues facing South Carolina since Haley's nomination as U.N. ambassador. He declined to comment for this story through a spokesman.

But lawmakers hope a different approach in the governor's office proves to be the missing ingredient to finding solutions to the state's crumbling roads, improving the education of rural S.C. students and fixing the state's underfunded pension system.

Some say they look

forward to working with McMaster, a governor with no future political aspirations or need to appease outside groups that could help him climb the ladder to higher office.

"You think sometimes the 40-year-old governor is a breath of fresh air," said state Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg. "Having somebody who actually has seen government from many different aspects and has watched over the years, I think he's got an opportunity to be a great governor."

LINES IN THE SAND

While some lawmakers already are drafting their wish lists, most say they have not heard from the lieutenant governor about

the issues he might champion this year.

State Sen. Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, said McMaster indicated in a recent conversation that he wants to tackle the roughly \$20 billion in unfunded debt in the state pension system. But that talk was void of specifics, Bryant

said. "That is definitely a priority of his and the Legislature."

However, McMaster's stance on a proposed gas tax increase to repair South Carolina's crumbling roads is a mystery. State Rep. Gary Simrill, a York Republican and outspoken advocate of a gas tax hike, said he plans to speak with McMaster soon about a roads fix, but

hasn't yet.

Some lawmakers say they hope for a governor who will not draw lines in the sand, as Haley did in announcing she would veto any gas tax increase that did not come with a much larger income tax cut.

"When the governor made the remarks she made a couple of years ago in the State of the State, it kind of took the wind out of the sails of us accomplishing what we hoped to accomplish with an infrastructure bill," said state Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter.

Democrats also hope McMaster, a former legislative aide to the late U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond,

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will be more open than Haley to other ideas, such as a bond bill to pay for college repairs and build-ings.

"Gov. Haley was very clear on what she would and would not do," said state Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, D-Orangeburg. "I am hopeful that Gov. McMaster might not be as rigid in his thoughts about direction and what public policy issues we ought to deal with or not deal with."

'HE CAN SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT ISSUES'

Lawmakers say they have reason to hope.

McMaster is no longer the political novice who vowed to break up the "good ol' boy" network in his unsuccessful 1990 campaign for S.C. lieutenant governor.

A near-decade running the state GOP, eight years as the state's attorney general and two more as its lieutenant governor have molded the Columbia native into a deal-maker, legislators say.

"He understands the nuances, he understands the personalities, and he has relationships that I think will be important," said state Sen. John Courson, R-Richland.

McMaster has been approachable and a good listener as president of the Senate during the past two years, legislators say.

For example, when Sen. Hutto asked if he could bring a class of USC students to meet the new lieutenant governor, McMaster agreed.

McMaster set out milk

and cookies, and spoke to the students about his political career — President Ronald Reagan, who named McMaster as the U.S. attorney for South Carolina, and Operation Jackpot, the flamboyant anti-drug campaign McMaster oversaw as the state's top federal prosecutor, resulting in more than 100 convictions.

"He spent a ton of time with the students, and they really appreciated it," Hutto recalled.

As evidence that McMaster can collaborate, lawmakers point to his work in 2013 co-chairing a Haley-appointed ethics task force with former Democratic Attorney General Travis Medlock.

"They all sat down and they worked together," said state Sen. Katrina Shealy, R-Lexington. "He can sit down and talk about issues. ... He thinks things through before just saying it. I don't think he's going to get on Twitter and tweet at us," as Haley did.

One of McMaster's best qualities, according to former S.C. Democratic Party chair Dick Harpootlian, is that he can "disagree without being disagreeable."

"In all my dealings with him as chairman of the party, where we were

publicly antagonistic, we had a good time traveling around and playing off each other," Harpootlian said. "Never a mean word, never any finger pointing. He's a good guy."

Harpootlian predicted

McMaster will spend more time talking shop with legislators, possibly at the Governor's Mansion or at ball games, rather than giving them report cards or jabbing them by bringing pigs into the State House, as Sanford did to protest what he said was pork-barrel spending.

"He's a warrior," Harpootlian said of McMaster. "He knows how to make a point. He knows how to work a jury. He knows how to persuade people."

'HE'S GOING TO TRY TO GOVERN'

McMaster has long wanted to be governor.

That could become one of his greatest strengths, some lawmakers say.

A white-haired governor with no desire to move up the political ladder owes nothing to outside groups who can help with that climb, they say.

"He doesn't have any hidden agendas other than what's best for the people of South Carolina," Rep. Delleney said. "You have Gov. Haley, who has aspirations for higher office. We had Gov. Sanford, who had the same things at the time. But, with Henry, we've got someone who is pragmatic, knows how to get things done, and I think we'll get things done with him."

Being governor is McMaster's end game, some say.

"He's going to try to govern," Harpootlian said. "There's no other job he can run for or would run for. He's got the job he's always wanted."

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Henry McMaster

- **Age:** 69
- **Education:** University of South Carolina, bachelor's and law degrees
- **Family:** Married to Peggy McMaster, two children

POLITICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **2014-present:** S.C. lieutenant governor
- **2010:** Unsuccessfully ran for S.C. governor
- **2003-2011:** S.C. attorney general
- **1993-2002:** Chairman of S.C. Republican Party
- **1990:** Unsuccessfully ran for S.C. lieutenant governor
- **1986:** Unsuccessfully ran for the U.S. Senate
- **1981-1985:** U.S. attorney, appointed by President Ronald Reagan
- **1973-1974:** Legislative aide to U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond

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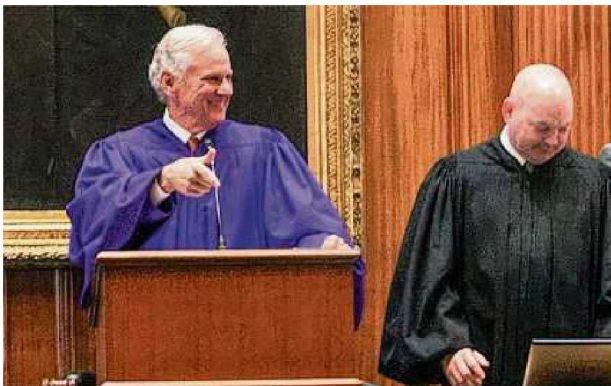
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Sen. John Courson, right, gets a laugh from Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster with a teasing remark Tuesday as the 2017 legislative session begins.