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That WIS story is wrong.

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On Dec 18, 2015, at 8:19 AM, Symmes, Brian <BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

## Morning Clips – Friday, December 18, 2015

### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**The State:** Federal flood aid on the way to SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article50235900.html>

South Carolina will get some money for relief from the October flood in the new federal budget that is expected to pass soon. How much the state, which suffered an estimated \$1.4 billion in damage from the storm, will receive is unclear.

**Note:** To get the money, Gov. Nikki Haley needs to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development saying how the state would spend it, congressional officials said. HUD then would decide how much of the \$300 million that South Carolina should get.

**Note:** Haley has asked for \$140 million in federal aid to repair 2,600 homes owned by low- and moderate- income families.

**Note:** Graham, U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-North Charleston, and U.S. Rep. Tom Rice, R-Myrtle Beach, suggested in statements that Haley should apply for aid for farmers.

**Post and Courier:** Hundreds of millions in flood relief for S.C. in federal spending bill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151217/PC1603/151219442>

Gavin Jackson

More federal dollars could soon reach farmers and low-income housing residents affected by the disastrous flooding that hit the state two months ago. If no changes are made to the current \$1.1 trillion federal spending package, South Carolina will be eligible for up to \$780 million in agricultural, beach renourishment and housing assistance funds.

**Note:** In a letter to the congressional delegation earlier this month, Gov. Nikki Haley called the shortfall the state's "most significant unmet need."

**Note:** In a letter this month, Haley asked the Army Corps of Engineers to "expedite the restoration and renourishment process for eligible beaches."

**Post and Courier:** Syrian families being resettled in South Carolina over officials' objections

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151217/PC1603/151219447>

Cynthia Roldan

A second family of 11 adults and children, which started the process before the terror attacks in Paris and California that brought calls from Republican presidential candidates to bar Muslim refugees from the United States, is expected to arrive in South Carolina soon, according to the organization helping relocate the refugees.

**Note:** That lack of information has frustrated Haley, who expressed concern over their relocation during an interview with Columbia's WIS-TV on Dec. 8, reiterating her desire for the federal government to provide her with information about the families before bringing them to South Carolina.

**Note:** "I personally called the FBI director when we were deciding on the Syrian refugees and whether they should be able to come over," Haley said during the interview. "He specifically said, we have no background on these refugees."

**WIS:** Leaders say they had no warning Syrian families coming here

<http://www.kfvs12.com/story/30771091/two-syrian-refugees-resettle-in-the-midlands-another-family-coming>

Will Whitson

Palmetto state leaders say they had no idea Syrian refugee families were being settled in South Carolina until it was done. Governor Nikki Haley had asked the State Department to put refugees elsewhere but her office says it got no word some were coming until the South Carolina Department of Social Services revealed two already had been relocated to the Midlands earlier this month and another was on the way.

**The State:** South Carolina Highway Patrol graduates told they must 'earn respect'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article50344555.html>

Rachael Myers Lowe

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley told this year's highway patrol graduates they cannot demand respect from the public, they must earn it. "You are someone that everyone needs to trust. You are the good guys ... I saw that firsthand as we went through three tragedies this past year," Haley said.

**Associated Press:** South Carolina adds 40 new Highway Patrol troopers

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uLPhF25G](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uLPhF25G)

South Carolina has 40 new Highway Patrol troopers. Local media outlets report Gov. Nikki Haley was on hand on Thursday as the troopers graduated from training in Columbia. The governor told the new troopers that wearing the uniform brings power but that they can't simply demand respect, they must earn it.

### **S.C. General Assembly News:**

**Post and Courier:** Last-minute intervention by S.C. legislators could save Mount Holly smelter from closure

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151217/PC05/151219424>

David Wren

Century Aluminum is close to striking a deal that would keep its Mount Holly smelter open while state lawmakers find a way during the upcoming legislative session to let the company, and other large industrial customers, buy electricity on the open market. Mike Bless, Century's president and CEO, told The Post and Courier on Thursday that he is negotiating with Mount Holly's suppliers to reduce costs so the smelter could operate at 50 percent capacity during the first six months of 2016.

**Associated Press:** Report: Deal sought to keep SC aluminum plant operating

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

Century Aluminum is working to strike a deal allowing it to keep its Goose Creek plant operating at half capacity while state lawmakers work to protect the company and other industries from rising power costs. Century president and CEO Mike Bless, tells The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1Qsl3Yp>) he is negotiating with Century's suppliers to reduce power costs so the plant can operate for six months.

### **S.C. Political News:**

**Post and Courier:** Palmetto Sunrise: Upcoming presidential candidate visits

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151218/PC1603/151219385>

Cynthia Roldan

Republican presidential candidates are returning to the Palmetto State starting Saturday, after going several days without courting South Carolina voters. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio is scheduled to visit Spartanburg for a meet and greet at noon at Cribb's Kitchen, 226 W. Main St. He later heads for Anderson, where he's expected at 3 p.m., at Figs Beanery & Creamery, 200 N. Main St.

### **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Times and Democrat:** Federal assistance for S.C. farmers vital for survival  
[http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/federal-assistance-for-s-c-farmers-vital-for-survival/article\\_f7915df3-08a2-50de-b051-550d99ad4f21.html](http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/federal-assistance-for-s-c-farmers-vital-for-survival/article_f7915df3-08a2-50de-b051-550d99ad4f21.html)

Editorial

Earlier in December, farmers rallied at the Statehouse, calling for Gov. Nikki Haley to support South Carolina's U.S. senators and congressmen in seeking money to help agriculture recover from October's flooding – a disaster following a summer of drought that already had many farmers in trouble.

**Post and Courier:** Shutdown averted, but duty neglected  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151218/PC1002/151219397>

Editorial

The good news for almost everyone from this week's agreement on an omnibus federal spending and taxing bill is that the government will not be shut down. The bad news across the board is that Congress has once again gone down to the wire to produce a massive budget deal stuffed with hundreds of opaque provisions that will become law before anyone has the time to make an independent assessment.

### **S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**Greenville News:** Funding found for new federal courthouse, Graham says  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/12/17/funding-found-new-federal-courthouse-graham-says/77508584/>

Rudolph Bell

Money to design and build a new federal courthouse in downtown Greenville has been included in a year-end spending bill that Congress is scheduled to vote on Friday, according to U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's office. Graham's office said late Thursday that the bill includes about \$92 million for site design and construction of the long-planned courthouse on what is now a parking lot along East North Street next to the Greenville County Courthouse.

**WMBF:** Federal spending bill could provide up to \$350m for post-flooding beach renourishment  
<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/30779472/federal-spending-bill-could-provide-up-to-350m-for-post-flooding-beach-renourishment>

Congressman Tim Rice announced that he and his staff have worked to secure assistance for flood relief in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, which will include money for beachfront renourishment.

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** Attorney general's opinion a blow to ethics investigations  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article50337850.html>

Cassie Cope

Efforts to expand the investigation of possible ethics violations by state lawmakers have suffered a blow, thanks to opinions from S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office. In a Dec. 11 opinion, Wilson's office said legislators can spend campaign money on businesses that they or their relatives run.

**The State:** Even without a permit, SC secessionists to rally at State House  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article50306875.html>

Andrew Shain

Despite security concerns, the S.C. Secessionist Party will hold a rally Sunday at the State House to celebrate the 155th anniversary of South Carolina leaving the Union. A counter-protest to the secessionist rally will be held at the same time.

**The State:** Flood recovery will stimulate state's 2016 economy  
<http://www.thestate.com/news/business/article50357210.html>

Roddie Burris

South Carolina's \$17 billion-a-year economy is going into 2016 strong – likely to continue producing

good-paying jobs and a growing labor force, some of the state's foremost economists said Thursday.

**The State:** National groups protest charges against Spring Valley girls

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article50268450.html>

Glen Luke Flanagan

Protestors gathered at the Richland County Solicitor's Office on Thursday to ask that charges against two students involved in an Oct. 26 incident at Spring Valley High School be dropped. A 16-year-old student refused to cooperate with school officials during that incident, at which point former Richland County deputy Ben Fields physically removed the girl from her chair and slid her across the floor.

**Post and Courier:** Many women welcome chance for combat duty

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151217/PC16/151219430>

Prentiss Findlay

Allise Berry wants to be a battlefield soldier but as a woman has been denied the chance. Now, though, that is changing as the military moves to implement the directive of Defense Secretary Ash Carter to open all combat jobs to women.

#### **Local News:**

**Greenville News:** Police discuss body cameras with public

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/12/17/police-discuss-body-cameras-public/77498962/>

Romando Dixon

Greenville City Police Chief Ken Miller continued his citywide tour to engage the public on body cameras. His latest stop was Thursday at the Nicholtown Community Center. The Police Department is in the policy development stage and wants citizens to read a draft of the policy and provide feedback.

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