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Governor Nikki Haley News

SCRN: Sweepstakes machine ban now heads to governor

<http://www.southcarolinaradionetwork.com/2013/03/20/sweepstakes-machine-ban-now-heads-to-governor/>
Matt Long

The South Carolina House approved a bill Wednesday which tries to clarify that devices known as "sweepstakes" machines are illegal under the state's video gambling law. The House voted 88-26 Wednesday to close perceived loopholes that business owners use to operate what are known as "sweepstakes cafes." The state considers the cafes to be a new incarnation of video poker. Another vote Thursday will send the bill to the governor's desk.

Note: The Governor's Office was evasive Wednesday on whether or not Gov. Nikki Haley would sign the bill into law, preferring to wait until it clears a final procedural vote on Thursday. "However, it's safe to say that the governor won't sign a bill into law that legalizes gambling in our state," spokesman Rob Godfrey wrote in an email.

Union Daily Times: Fowler to work on Haley's reelection campaign

http://www.uniondailytimes.com/view/full_story/22024992/article-Fowler-to-work-on-Haley%E2%80%99s-reelection-campaign?

Charles Warner

As he works for her reelection, Union County Republican Party Chairman Mike Fowler says he wants to have Gov. Nikki Haley come to Union County more often in the months ahead. Fowler is one of 164 co-chairs of the Haley campaign's statewide grassroots steering committee. The co-chairs represent all of South Carolina's 46 counties and Fowler is the only co-chair from Union County. As co-chair for Union County, Fowler said he will be responsible for organizing grassroots events to support Haley's reelection bid. He said he hopes to bring Haley to Union County to campaign in the future.

Note: "I think what she's been able to oversee in her time in office including the creation of 30,000 jobs proves she's been a success as governor," Fowler said. "Also there's her stance against the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare and her stance against the intrusion of federal regulations in the State of South Carolina."

SC Now: It's time to drain SC's political swamp again (Opinion)

http://www.scnw.com/opinion/editorials/article_cbd36f46-91a3-11e2-a329-0019bb30f31a.html
Editorial

Every so often, we need to drain the swamp. The Center for Public Integrity, a nonpartisan, nonprofit investigative news organization, gives South Carolina a grade of "F" on the risk for corruption. This comes on the heels of ethics investigations involving a former governor, the current governor, a lieutenant governor and now a sitting House speaker.

Note: Four committees, most prominently a bi-partisan commission formed at the behest of Gov. Nikki Haley, have been tasked with proposing ways to improve the state's antiquated ethics and open record laws.

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South Carolina News

Carolina Forest fire victims allowed to search for mementos

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/03/20/3392741/carolina-forest-fire-victims-allowed.html>

Cox's Johnson named chairman of state's Manufacturers Alliance

<http://thetandd.com/news/local/state-and-regional/cox-s-johnson-named-chairman-of-state-s-manufacturers->

[alliance/article_3b50680c-91df-11e2-87b1-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/20/4709876/dont-muzzle-doctors.html)

Myrtle Beach businessman gets state recognition

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/03/21/3393763/myrtle-beach-businessman-gets.html>

MOX among state projects with 'mammoth' cost overruns

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130321/AIK0101/130329971/1002/AIK01/mox-among-state-projects-with-8216-mammoth-8217-cost-overruns>

Don't muzzle doctors (Opinion)

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/20/4709876/dont-muzzle-doctors.html>

Sunshine is crucial in government (Opinion)

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20130321/ARTICLES/130329982/1132/opinion?Title=Sunshine-is-crucial-in-government>

South Carolina's aging population deserves attention (Opinion)

http://www.theitem.com/opinion/columnists/south-carolina-s-aging-population-deserves-attention/article_d2820823-b5ff-57f2-9643-b8db0a341b23.html

More awareness of children's mental health needed, say experts

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/21/4712333/more-awareness-of-childrens-mental.html>

Winthrop greets, applauds new president Comstock

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/21/4712405/winthrop-greets-applauds-new-president.html>

Opinions split on whether Bostic can topple Sanford in GOP runoff

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/20/2429118/opinions-split-on-whether-bostic.html>

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Hyperlocal News

Federal workers union protests in Beaufort over sequestration cuts

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/03/20/2428604/federal-workers-union-protests.html>

Sumter, Clarendon in middle of health rankings for state

http://www.theitem.com/news/local_news/sumter-clarendon-in-middle-of-health-rankings-for-state/article_900245b4-953a-5b89-b956-949051e5e995.html

Oconee 17th healthiest in SC

<http://www.upstatetoday.com/2013/03/oconee-17th-healthiest-in-sc/>

As healthy SC counties go, York is No. 2

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/03/20/4710299/as-healthy-counties-go-in-sc-york.html>

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