



Rep. Tom Emmer on Will Corrente's The Source Podcast

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HOST:

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow patriots and freedom loving Americans, welcome back to another episode of the source, rule breakers, lawmakers and influence. This is the source where rules get broken for the greater good laws get made to serve the people and influence drives us forward. Today, we're joined by Tom Emmer, the majority whip in the US House of Representatives. Welcome, Tom.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Great to be with you.

HOST:

Well, good to see you. It's been a few months. You look good.

REP. TOM EMMER:

It has. Well, so do you, sir. Thank you.

HOST:

So, you know, I'm sure it's top of mind for everybody right now the shutdown. And really, you know, it's a it's a fundamental difference of opinion in how the country is going to survive going forward. And some of the things that we're seeing is that the Democrats are again trying to put in these radical spending policies of money that just go into, you know, mysterious buckets for silly purposes. But and more importantly, trying to claw back a lot of the spending cuts that were included in the big, beautiful bill. So you want to give us a, you know, a rundown of where we stand today and, and, you know, what the negotiation points are.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah, so first off, let's give it a umbrella like context. My grandfather's Democrat Party is dead. This is now the Communist Marxist Party. In fact, well, I would argue that if you're a socialist, you're a moderate in the new Marxist, Communist Marxist Party of America. I mean, Mamdam the commie in New York City will likely get elected next week. He is the de facto head of this new party. You got Bernie Sanders at all. This is who a very small group of Democrat senators including their failing senior leader, Chuck Schumer, this is who they're kowtowing to. Well, House Republicans, so everybody that listens to your great show understands we did our work. We passed a full funding bill back on September 19. Well in advance of the September 30 midnight funding deadline. You only need a simple majority in the house. We did that all we had all Republican votes except one Democrat. All the other Democrats voted No. And what does that mean? They voted not to pay our troops after September 30. They voted not to pay our traffic controllers. They voted not to fund snap benefits for 42 million low income people across the country. They paid not to support the WIC program that provides nutrition assistance to women, infant and infants and children. I mean, they voted no on all this. We voted yes, we sent it over to the Senate. The difference between the House and the Senate, even though Chuck Schumer



lied openly, I would love to use the word disingenuous, but he has just been telling bald faced lies. I made a statement last week that Republicans have the White House, they have the Senate, they have the house. This is their shutdown. Hey, Chuck, you've been here for decades, you know better than anyone, that unlike the house where it's a simple majority, it takes 60 senators to get something to the floor in the Senate, which means we have 53 Republicans. Well, we need at least seven Democrats. And literally, he and his colleagues have refused to provide those votes. I guess they're not voting today. They voted 14 times so far. And just so your viewers and listeners understand, he wrote Chuck Schumer wrote this CR. This is the same CR that he voted for six he and his colleagues voted for six months ago in March. And will they voted for it's 13 times under the Biden administration. They wrote it. But now they won't. They won't vote for it. Why is that? Well, one, they hate Donald Trump, anything Donald Trump does, they want to oppose, they didn't learn anything from the election last November, Americans are sick and tired of this. But they also gave us a window into who they really are once again. And that's what you're talking about the spending. I don't know who the genius was that decided to file a written alternative plan in the Senate. But that written alternative plan, a couple of things they want, it's it literally requires or asked seeks 1.5 trillion in increased spending, it would put illegals back on taxpayer funded health care. And it would gut the \$50 billion rural health care fund that Republicans created last July with President Trump. And I look their argument. We're doing this because of these enhanced premium tax credits that were for Obamacare that were created under the pandemic, which were unique circumstances. And they weren't intended to go forever, they were going to expire at the end of this year. But now all of a sudden, this is their issue. Is it really their issue? Well, if people will go read that alternative bill, it's a little over 60 pages. Do you know that only one and a half pages of that alternative bill have to do with the enhanced premium tax credits. In fact, the bill would fund a Sesame Street in Iraq, it would fund LGBTQ programs all around the globe. And there's a whole bunch of other things. And then what I said already, they want to put illegals back on taxpayer funded health care, and they want to destroy the fund for rural health care. This ain't about health care. Well, this is all about appeasing the radical pro terrorist. I remember a third of my grandfather's Democrat Party now supports terrorists like Hamas over the people of Israel. So that's their their goal. I think it's a if it doesn't end next week, I don't know when it's gonna end.

HOST:

It's really sad, you know, this flippin' of the Democratic Party, you know, just like you said, growing up, you know, I grew up in the 70s and 80s. The Democrat Party represented the working man, the Democrat Party was there to advocate for their rights to make sure that there were opportunities to put food on the table, all of those issues. And we're not seeing that from this Democrat Party, and the fact that they're willing to inflict so much pain on the people who do the actual work in the infrastructure of our country, in exchange for this political football game that they're playing to fund issues, or fund programs around the globe, when we are \$38 trillion in debt, and everybody keeps saying, you know, how the debt keeps mounting and mounting and mounting. You know, the big beautiful bill did some great things in creating permanency in the tax code, and creating permissive permanency in spending. And it just feels like that they don't really care with Christmas just around the corner with Thanksgiving just around the corner, that they want to make this as painful as possible for the American people.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, they are. I mean, we're now it's 30 days since this thing began. I would argue, well, that most Americans up until this week, have not noticed because they have not been impacted by this, thanks to our great President Donald J. Trump, who managed to find a way to pay our trips, our troops last month, that pain was delayed. But now we've arrived at a time when on Tuesday of this week, air traffic controllers did not get paid for their last 30 days. Today, more federal workers will not get paid for working. Tomorrow, military service men and women will



not get paid. Saturday, you're going to have an interruption in SNAP benefits and WIC benefits. Again, it will directly impact 42 million low income Americans and for what, for what so they can put this pretend wish list out there for 1.5 trillion and more spending. And the disgusting part will is they don't care about the Americans that they're serving. Chuck Schumer, I last week or the week before said this shutdown gets better for us every day it goes on. As we all ask Chuck, who's us? It ain't helping the American people, the senators who don't have to worry about paychecks, the senators who have their own health care plan, the senators who have, you know, multiple houses yet doesn't doesn't affect them at all.

HOST:

Not at all. Not at all. And by the way, then you have Chris Coons in the Senate, who likes to fire his mouth off whenever he sees a microphone. And he made the mistake of saying the quiet thing out loud. He said, Well, yeah, we're gonna cause pain, but that's how we get leverage, leverage. And this is exactly what the minority whip in the house, Catherine Clark from Massachusetts, echoed. She said the same thing. Yes, we understand families are going to suffer, people are going to suffer. But this is how we get our leverage. Again, this is disgusting.

REP. TOM EMMER:

I will and you got to ask yourself leverage for what the American people voted for Donald J. Trump last November, he won every single I mean, it's like 77 million votes. And these guys, they refuse to listen to the American people because they don't respect the American people. And I'm going to tell you, it's very clear they don't care about the American people.

HOST:

Well, when you look at the statistic, the average American has less than \$500 in the bank, right? They can't afford emergencies when they happen in their lives to go without a 30 day paycheck, let alone we're probably going to creep up into a 60 days for those working class Americans to go for 60 days without receiving a paycheck, excuse me, will be financially devastating to them. And the fact that people who we elected, and I think that's what a lot of people or maybe certain elective representatives forget is, even though you're elected to represent your district or your state, you still have an obligation to the rest of the country. And with the rest of the country's will was in electing the majorities in the House, the Senate and putting President Trump in the White House.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Exactly right. These guys, they, they think they're putting up a fight for who I mean, the very small group of people, but a very virulent, I would argue violent. I mean, they were marching on the mall a Saturday ago, a week ago, a week and a half ago, with signs advocating for the assassination of our president, and nobody walking with them, including senators, Democrat senators, seem to care. Well, that's who they are kowtowing to. And now you have Mamdoumi Thakami, that's going to get elected in New York City, most likely next Tuesday, he has become the de facto head of the new communist Marxist Party of America that was my grandfather's Democrat Party. This is who they are deathly afraid of whether it's Chuck Schumer, or Hakeem Jeffries, who's just turned into a cartoon character in the house. They are deathly afraid as are their members of that small but very wildly vocal, radical and extreme almost violent group. And that's why they're keeping the government shut down.

HOST:



Yeah. And you know, they're out there with the rhetoric of tax the rich tax the rich tax the rich. I mean, Kathy Hochul has done so much to cripple the economy of New York, especially in New York City. I was talking to my nephew who lives in Jersey City yesterday, he was saying that Uber drivers will refuse to take you into New York City because of the congestion tax, the surcharges on the bridges and the tunnels. And it just doesn't make financial economic sense for those people. And when you try to, and you know, we had a guest on a few weeks ago who talked about when, when Biden did the 87,000 IRS agents, well, we're going to go after the rich. Well, they didn't. They went after small business owners. And they went after middle income Americans, because those are the easy shots. They can't afford the lawyers, they can't afford the accountants to protect and defend themselves. And so when you look at what's happening in New York with Mondani, and AOC and Bernie screaming, tax the rich tax the rich, well, you know, it's such a small bucket in percentage terms, in population terms compared to the rest of the country, what's going to happen and we're seeing it here in South Florida, New York is moving here, they are not going to stand for these excessive tax policies in the states. And because of that, the social agendas are going to fail.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Yeah, well, I mean, you you just struck a chord when you were talking about New York. I, you know, it may be a little direct, but I hope people recognize that the governor of New York, she's very underwhelming. Her academic ability is questionable. In fact, some might wonder if she thinks moron is one or two words. The it's it's crazy what's going on you brought up they always mask their love for America with lies, lies, like we're going to go after the rich. But as you point out, they don't go after the rich, they go after Main Street, small businesses. And I'm going to add, it's not just because they're going after the low hanging fruit, as you describe it, or the easy marks. There are supporters will, they are Republicans, they believe in the entrepreneurial spirit, the cowboy, a spirit of this country, they want to create a better life for themselves and others. And you talked about it earlier, it used to be because I had a grandfather who was a proud Democrat, when I came home from college as a Reagan Republican, I we used to debate the issues of the day. And the debate was about the size and scope of government versus the right of an individual to self determine, and where that line falls. Guess what, we're not arguing about that anymore. With these communists and these Marxists, they believe that government is the sole authority and the only authority. And by the way, they're the ones that want to run it because they want to tell people like you and me and those of us that want to be free. They want to tell us what we're allowed to do, who we're allowed to do it with how much we can have, how we can use it. I mean, think about this mom dummy creep. He wants to take private property in New York and essentially take it over. Oh, you can still own it. But he's going to tell you who has to live in it, what you have to do to maintain it, how you're supposed to support people who don't aren't interested or have no incentive in supporting themselves. This model has never worked anywhere around the world. And literally what is happening, I listened to Claudia Tenney, a great representative from New York today, talk about the fact that this is our enemies. This is Soros money from outside this country and others who do not love America, they hate America and they are using people like mom dummy the commie. And they're funneling dark money in to try and undermine the great constitutional republic that our founders left us. And I'll tell you what, Donald J. Trump, that is why the good Lord has set us Donald J. Trump is to protect the constitutional republic and he's showing everybody how you do it. And I think it's just a matter of time before the voters in New York City even, or California with that greasy Newsome guy that they got. They're just gonna wake up slowly. And when they do, they're gonna go, you know what, I'd like to be safe in my own community. I'd like to keep more of my hard earned money. I'd like to climb the mountain of prosperity, just like you, so called Marxists and communists are going to do with my money, right? Yeah, it's gonna happen.

HOST:



Yeah, and you know, you're seeing that, you know, California is basically the template from Europe, right? Where they really don't look at citizens as having rights. And I think Eastern, you know, and I think what's also happening is and President Trump has been doing this very effectively, where, you know, they've been trying to block him in the courts, he gets up to the Supreme Court, Supreme Court sides on the on the side of rule of law, right, that creates the precedent so that can't be done again in the future. And a lot of the policies that Mondani is advocating for go directly against our Constitution against private property rights against the rights of the citizens of the and the Americans. And what people need to realize is that he can try and put forth these policies, but they can be challenged in court. And they're unconstitutional to begin with. So you know, it really this is a very critical race that people need to take the time to educate themselves as to what the the impact of those policies are, because you got to do more to challenge because even you again, going back to the current sitting New York governor, and her consumption tax, well, that violates the right to travel I clause within the Constitution, because you are restricting people from being able to travel. This has been a decision of the Supreme Court for years. You can't do that. And yet nobody's challenging it. Nobody's nobody's fighting.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, and that subtext of the green new scam, right, they wanted to concentrate people into cities, they wanted to put them into electric vehicles, they wanted to have certain controls that can say where you can go and when you can't go. And the consumption tax is just an economic barrier or handcuff to keep you from moving in certain places in your own city. Exactly. And unconstitutional on its face, but it hasn't been determined yet.

HOST:

So, you know, you we had talked earlier about Obamacare, and their holdout in terms of what they're looking for, you know, in this, in this deadlock. But you had said earlier, that's not something that even expires until the end of the year. It's not something that needs to be

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