



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE BOTTOM LINE – 2025

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****DAGAN:**

** House Majority Whip, Tom Emmer. House Majority Whip, it's great to see you, Mr. Emmer. What can you, in terms of what Russ Vogt is working on, and as Senator Mike Lee said, he's been thinking about this since puberty, maybe even before that. How many layoffs are potentially on deck? Because I've heard there are at least 800,000 jobs that could be identified.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** That's what's so crazy, Dagan, and good to be with you and James. What's so crazy is these Democrats, radical Democrats, led right over the edge by Chuck Schumer, these guys are actually giving the administration all the authority in the world to reshape our government, which I think the President may be right. Maybe this is their way of helping make America great again, Russ Vogt, I don't know what he was thinking about around puberty, but I do know that what he's gotta think about right now is he's gotta make very difficult decisions based on what is essential, what is non-essential. That's where you're getting all those numbers from, but until he starts to issue those, it's speculation.

****DAGAN:**

** Have you heard anything, though? We heard from Russ Vogt yesterday. We had about a half an hour call with him, and then our members went another half hour or so discussing it. He told us that there will be consequences to this shutdown because they can't just sit by and not do anything about it. They're gonna have to start moving forward.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** My understanding is he, well, he said it yesterday, he doesn't wanna release that stuff yet because we're not there yet. If the Democrats in the Senate are crazy enough to reject the clean CR yet again tomorrow because they want another \$1.5 trillion in spending with this foolish argument that it's somehow about healthcare when they wanna eliminate \$50 billion in rural healthcare while at the same time funding taxpayer-funded benefits for illegals. It's not about that at all. All this is about is Democrats and Chuck Schumer, primarily, trying to take a shot at Donald J. Trump and score points with their far-left base, and it's not going to work, Dagan.

****JAMES:**

** Speaking of phony arguments, we just had a clip with AOC and Bernie Sanders presenting this as some kind of threat to the middle class if you cut off these subsidies. They go up to households in the neighborhood of \$600,000. I don't think anyone's dying if a household income with \$600,000 doesn't get a subsidy, but the deeper issue here, basically, is it's a government plan to bribe affluent people to buy Obamacare because Obamacare's terrible and nobody wants it otherwise, right?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**



** Well, I mean, listen, those people that you're referring to, facts don't matter to them. I mean, when you talk about these subsidies which are not at issue right now, they don't expire till the end of the year, and it was Democrats who set the expiration date, James. This whole thing about these subsidies, they're subsidies to the insurance companies, so I think you're gonna get a whole bunch of information when we get back to negotiating, but we can't negotiate it until Chuck Schumer opens the government. When that happens, then we can start having more detailed conversations on what those things do and what they look like and who they really benefit and who they don't benefit. These are the same people who said that climate change was killing everybody, so that's what you need to remember. Go ahead, James.

****JAMES:**

** Okay, we're moving on. The Trump administration taking steps with Congress to declare an, quote, armed conflict, unquote, with drug cartels officially notifying lawmakers as it takes out what it calls unlawful combatants with strikes on smugglers. Congressman, can you tell us about the authority to do this? I think you probably have a lot of people in this country saying if you're driving a fentanyl boat, you ought to get blown up, but is this the proper use of the military? Is there a legal basis to start blowing these ships out of the water?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, James, the issue, as you know, is that under Joe Biden and Kamala Harris and Democrats, the southern border was left wide open. You had tens of millions coming across that southern border, including the worst of the worst. More importantly, you put the cartels in charge of the border. You put the cartels in charge of sending all kinds of fentanyl across our borders and killing our kids and our citizens. Donald Trump promised on the campaign trail that he was going to seal the southern border. It took him about two months to do that. He has absolutely done that. He also promised that he was going to take care of the cartels. Whatever he does, that's exactly what he promised. Another promise made, I would say to you, James, and promise kept.

****JAMES:**

** But there seems to be Republicans and Democrats, Majority Whip, that are pressing the Pentagon for the legal basis for these cartel boat strikes. Why is this a political issue?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** To me, it's not. This is about Donald Trump telling the American people, number one goal, number one object, number one responsibility of your government is to keep you safe and your property safe. The cartels, they took over under the Biden administration, and Donald Trump promised that he was going to end that when he took office, and that is exactly what he's doing.

****DAGAN:**

** House Majority Whip Tom Emmer. Great to see you, sir.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Always. Thank you, guys.



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