



Rep. Tom Emmer on Fox & Friends

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****STEVE:**

** Well, a Fox News alert, a full House of Representatives vote today, perhaps, to impeach DHS Secretary Marourkas. Could happen today, around six o'clock, marking what could be the first impeachment of a Cabinet Secretary in nearly 150 years. But with a very slim majority, Republicans can only afford to lose three votes. So do they have the votes? Let's talk to somebody who counts as a House majority whip, Tom Emmer. I was the first to push for it. He joins us now from D.C. Tom, good morning to you.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Good morning, Steve. Great to be with you.

****STEVE:**

** It's good to have you as well, Mr. Whip. So how's this going to work today?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** We're supposed to vote on the procedural rules this morning, later this morning, and then around 5.50 this afternoon. We're supposed to vote on an aid package for Israel, our ally Israel, and on the impeachment of Secretary Marourkas.

****STEVE:**

** OK, the big question is, as I mentioned a moment ago, you can only lose three votes because your majority is that big. And you know, who is it? One of them, Ken Buck, is a hard no. David Joyce has not revealed his hand, neither has Tom McClintock nor Dan Newhouse. Do you have the votes?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** I'm confident if we have our members here that we should be able to do this. And look, Steve, it is time to hold Secretary Marourkas accountable. We have no other way to do this. He will not resign, despite the fact that he has willfully refused to enforce our federal laws to secure our southern border. In fact, he's instructed his subordinates not to enforce the laws. This is not just nonfeasance. This is malfeasance. This is active neglect on the part of the secretary. And since he won't do the honorable thing and resign, the House needs to hold him accountable through impeachment. It's the only choice we have.

****STEVE:**

** Well, a couple of constitutional experts, Jonathan Turley was on this program, and so Michael Chertoff as well, George Bush's Department of Homeland Security secretary, and they both said don't impeach to the Republicans because they said you might have a policy difference with them. But there's not enough evidence as defined by the Constitution.



****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, that's why we have constitutional experts, and I love those guys. I'm a big fan. But on this one, you better look a little bit more closely at the process and the evidence. The process was deliberate. It was thoughtful. It extended over a year. They studied the topic. I mean, I don't know that the American people understand the cost of this invasion that's coming across our southern border. That's not my word. That's Al Sharpton's word. He called it an invasion. That cost of it is almost a half a trillion dollars to the American people. Forget for a second, don't, about the fentanyl overdoses that we're seeing. Forget about the crime, or again, just keep in mind separate from that, you're talking about health care, you're talking about housing, you're talking about education expense for illegal immigrants that the American people are having to cover. And when it comes to the constitutional experts, the evidence is very clear that this secretary has not just a difference of policy, he's willfully refusing to enforce federal law that would secure our southern border. That is an impeachable offense.

****STEVE:**

** And it sounds like you could have a vote tonight. Meanwhile, yesterday at this time, we were taking a look at the Senate proposal, bipartisan Senate bill to do something about migration and immigration. And I know a lot of Republicans are against it because Donald Trump is against it. But here's here's the problem for you guys. The Border Patrol Union came out and the acting CBP chief both came out and said they're not, it's not perfect, but this is the best thing we've seen in decades. So are Republicans going to say that the Border Patrol Union and the acting CBP chief are wrong?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, look, they can have their perspective, Steve. And we've got a lot of jobs. We've well, and it's our job to actually make sure the laws will accomplish what we're seeking to do. You have to reform the parole process where the president has been abusing it, allowing people to come across the border. You have to reinstate remain in Mexico. You have to end catch and release and you have to reform our asylum laws. This so-called Senate deal only takes care of one thing. And by the way, it's codifying catch and release. Keep in mind that the federal law requires our authorities to detain someone at the border, detain them until their case is adjudicated. This administration through secretary Mayorkas, who has told his people to ignore that law and just release people. They've released almost well, the 40 percent of the people they've released. They don't even know where they're at, Steve. So again, I respect the Border Patrol. Our job is to support them. They can have their opinion. But this is what we got elected for. And we need to hold the administration accountable. It's time to end this invasion at the southern border. Steve.

****STEVE:**

** All right. Congressman, you've got a really busy day. Thanks for getting up early and talk to us.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Great to be with you.



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