



Rep. Tom Emmer on SID AND FRIENDS – 2025

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** I just saw Tom Emmer on television, he's a handsome guy, he's on this show quite a bit now. You know, we're not talking to local congress people like Mike Lawler or Nicole Malliotakis, we're talking to Emmer from the same state as my cousin Norm Coleman. He's the majority whip, and we may have some good news, finally, about this government shutdown today. Tom, welcome back to Sid and Friends in the morning, how are you buddy?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Great Sid, good to be with you.

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** You too. You look great on Fox News this morning, you look like a million bucks. And you look happy, because I know that really good Americans, great Americans, Emmer, like you, you know that this was a big tax on the American people. People, 42 million, worrying about their next meal, became unsafe. Sean Duffy admitted it on this show just two days ago, to fly a multitude of issues with this government shutdown. And I know guys like you, Tom, are hard at work for weeks trying to end it, and I guess we're going to have good news today, yes?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** We're going to pass this thing today, tonight, tomorrow, early tomorrow morning, just depends on what the minority leader, at least he's still the leader right now, wants to do to drag this out, Sid. I mean, it's wild. You just talked about the fact that this was causing so much damage. They carried this on for over 40 days. You see what's happening. Our air traffic controllers not getting paid, our Customs and Border Patrol not getting paid, our military not getting paid, 42 million low-income Americans having their nutrition benefits interrupted. Thankfully, eight Senate Democrats came to their senses and finally put the American people ahead of Chuck Schumer's politics and voted to reopen the government. You know the amazing thing, Sid? It's almost exactly the same clean, continuing resolution that House Republicans passed on September 19th.

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** I know, they got nothing. The only difference, yeah, it's extended until January 30th. That's it. They got nothing, I know. But, you know, Chuck Schumer is getting hammered. The people in his party want him to resign today. Like he's getting hammered. And I guess when I say to his credit, not the American people, but for his lousy, disgusting party. This time, unlike the last time, he did not cave. He was not one of those eight Democrats that came to their senses. So he's the guy that did this, but he didn't cave, and yet his party still hates him. Isn't that funny?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**



** Yeah, well, I mean, they're in a complete meltdown over there. But look, I don't know what to believe. Chuck Schumer either quietly blessed us, or he doesn't have control of his own caucus, which shows us, Sid, that what we talked about several weeks back, he has passed his prime. He is no longer leading, absolutely. He was following. More importantly, he at least didn't take a knee to that communist, that Marxist-communist anti-Semite that is now the mayor of New York City, like his counterpart in the House did, right?

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** That's true, that's right. Hakeem Jeffries did, and yes, people are giving Chuck Schumer credit. He did not endorse Mom Donnie, so he does one good thing on the right. I mean, look, there's no future for Chuck. He's not going to run again. He's not going to run again because he may be, at this point, bad at his job, but he's not stupid. And AOC is going to wipe the floor with him. She's not going to beat him. She's going to wipe the floor with him. So there's no way a guy like that, after 50 years, wants to go through that embarrassment. So he's going to walk off into the sunset anyway.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, I think that was the plan all along, Sid, but he wanted to go out on his own terms. And unfortunately for Chuck Schumer, he's like an athlete who's passed his prime, right? He's lost his step. He wasn't going to run again. And I don't know that the young lady from New York is the one to take on that seat. I think you've got even crazier people right now. That party has gone, well, they've slid right off the cliff, Sid. I mean, this is the anti-American. There's a small group that just hates America. These guys are the ones that are going after Schumer and company. I think they wanted to see America completely fold. They wanted to hurt all Americans because they're just mean, nasty people.

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** I agree. What could Chuck Schumer do for listeners that aren't knee-deep into this? He said, look, we're going to sign this, and then the president will sign it, and it'll be over unless the minority leader does something. What could Chuck Schumer do over the next few hours that would derail this?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, he can't. He's done. His part in this drama is over. It's now coming back to the house where the house minority leader in New York, Mr. Jeffries, he's been completely less than relevant over the last several weeks. He's absolutely done nothing. As we talked about earlier, he's been following. He hasn't been leading. He takes a knee to the Marxist-Communist anti-Semite. Now, what is he going to do? Now he's going to try and delay this, I would imagine, with his magic minute where he can talk forever. I can tell you already what he's going to talk about, Sid. He's going to say, this is the Republican-made healthcare crisis. Well, two things, and I hope people start to put the chronology up. The healthcare crisis is created by an all-Democrat healthcare policy called the Affordable Care Act. The Affordable Care Act, which they like to distract us with the name Obamacare, has been anything but affordable. In fact, costs are almost up 100% for families' healthcare costs since the Unaffordable Care Act was passed. Now they're claiming that because insurance premiums are going up on an average, health insurance premiums by about 30% this year, Sid, that somehow throwing more money, these enhanced tax credits, that gets paid to fat and happy health insurance companies, not to the people, Sid, that somehow this is going to solve the problem. Do you realize that the money that they claim they want to extend for a year would only affect about 4% to 5% of that 30% increase? It is time to completely reform the healthcare law. You need more competition. You need more transparency. You got to make sure that people have more choices. That's how you will drive the, and by the way, you got to put the patient, the American citizen in charge of their decision, not the darn health insurance company that's making all the money



off this system.

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** Couldn't agree more. This is the great congressman, Majority Whip Tom Emmer, out of the state of Minnesota. So how long could he potentially delay this, Hakeem Jeffries? You know what? How long can he talk? Well, it depends. Who's the idiot from Jersey? Cory Booker spoke for 27 hours, Tom. I don't know if they have enough Depends for Hakeem to do it that long.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** I don't know. He's going to want to do it in prime time. So you either get it done tonight by the 10 o'clock news, or you're going until tomorrow morning. I mean, the other problem with this is, assuming this does get done, and again, congratulations, Tom, your hard work, and the Republicans in the House, are we going to face the same exact issue on January 30th?

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** Well, I mean, they pretty much have expended this. I think by January 30th, Donald Trump is going to make it very clear. And I think Americans who, you know, 77 million of them supported him in the last election said he hasn't lost any of those people. He's only been adding people who believe in his policies, his America First policies. And I think by the time you get to the end of January, we're going to try and do this more regular order appropriations process. Three of the bills came over with this CR, the ledge branch, they call it, the agriculture appropriations bill and the military construction and VA. Those three are done. You've got nine left. They tell us they're close on the next three. They hope to have 10 done in short order. I mean, think about this. Maybe before you get to January 30th, you actually have the government funded through the end of the fiscal year. Wouldn't that be amazing?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** That would be amazing. I do want to see Mike Lawler walk towards the podium if Hakeem Jeffries is still talking. You know, Hakeem shows he's just not ready for primetime, man. Mike Lawler can get under his skin in a heartbeat. All he's going to do is smile at him and Hakeem loses himself. So yeah, he's great with that.

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** He is great. So on the way out, I would have to say, Tom, that as difficult as it's been for you guys in Congress trying to get this done, the one job I'm not envious of was just on this show two days ago, the one job, Sean Duffy, this poor guy, what these Democrats have put Sean Duffy through and not just Sean, let's be honest here, Americans sitting in airports for hours and hours, flights canceled, flights delayed. But that poor guy, Sean Duffy, what a job that's been the last couple of weeks.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** I got to tell you, Sid, I talk about a guy who is not only ready for primetime, he is overachieved at the fact that he's been able to message so clearly to the American people. I mean, people know that this was a Democrat caused crisis. And Sean Duffy made it very clear, you know, our air traffic controllers that we value more than anything, our TSA agents, all of them. He says, look, we are not putting planes in the sky if we can't guarantee safety. So he had to cut back 10 percent. We saw what that did over the weekend and through early this week. Apparently, we're going to have some more cancellations over the next couple of days. But assuming the government is open by tomorrow, this should pass rather quickly, Sid, and we can get back to living. Maybe by



Thanksgiving and Christmas, we'll be fine.

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** Just imagine this on the way, Tom, on the way out. Just imagine it wasn't Sean Duffy and we had the same crisis and it was still Pete Buttigieg.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Oh, my God. I mean, you wouldn't have any solutions. You wouldn't even see him on TV. No, he'd be too busy breastfeeding his baby.

****SID:**

** I, uh, Tom, you're the best. You are the best, Tom. Thank you so much.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** All right, Sid. Thank you. God bless you.

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** Tom Emmer right there, the majority whip, congressman out of the great state of Minnesota worked very, very hard. And it looks like finally this thing will be over tomorrow, the latest. Thank you, Tom Emmer.

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