



## Rep. Tom Emmer on HOT TALK WITH THE OX – 2025

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**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Speaking of cats herding cats is what it's like. I'm sure for congressman Tom Emmer the house majority whip congressman Really pleased that you have time for us today and what must be a very busy day. Welcome to hot talk, sir

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Good to be with you ox. I'm glad I want to be home soon because I understand we're making ice again

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Make it ice. That's a fact But man, so you're you're whipping it up getting the votes together great that you have time for us today I sense a skip in your step. You seem to be happy about what's going on here.

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* I Am I mean I what this has been so ridiculous, right? over 40 days Chuck Schumer and the Senate Democrats shut down our government. I mean they caused so much pain on Americans I mean just look at Minnesota ox 400,000 snap recipients were impacted a hundred thousand women infants and children who rely on the WIC program were impacted head start Programs were impacted the main Minneapolis st. Paul Airport had major issues over the past weekend and across the nation small businesses that actually Contract with the federal government to have contracts with the federal government lost more than 12 billion Twelve billion dollars that that impacts us in Minnesota to and what's most amazing right first you Got eight Senate Democrats that finally came to their senses to put the American people Before their politics and they voted to reopen the government move it forward, but ox it's the exact same clean Continued resolution that the house passed on September 19th the only change on the CR is that they extended it to January 30th, and then they they included three appropriations bills that were basically done when we passed the September 19th CR so I mean I don't know why I the American people had to suffer through this and I know that they Are gonna figure out who did it to them?

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Yeah, I hope so because it's very clear Senator Ron Johnson had been working and has been working over the years to try to put together some sort of a bill that that Prevents this sort of thing from happening in the future Were any of those provisions in this deal that came from the Senate like you can't do the mass firings anymore Or something like that

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* no, the only thing I that's pretty standard the only thing that is in it is the The government employees who were furloughed Yeah, I are gonna are gonna come back to work and they will be paid they will get their back



pay So, you know, you've got you've got all these different, you know, Capitol Police. You've got staff people They will all get their back pay to the the 40 days So that's pretty standard ox and it's actually a law that was passed in 2019 that requires it. So no, I the president I talked to him last Thursday I had lunch with him and we were talking about He's not going to bring back the people that they fired either. They were unnecessary. Otherwise, they'd still be there No, they're not coming back.

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

**\*\*** Okay? so so some of the rust vote stuff will stick

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

**\*\*** I All of the stuff that they've done is sticking I mean it's a you're basically dealing with And this is what Democrats wanted right they claim it's about health care and yet it really isn't about health care And they'll do that again today, which I'd love to blow up that mess with you But then they claim it's about oh, we want to reinstate all of these federal employees I mean, it's like they're they're advocating for the waste fraud and abuse that Donald Trump has eliminated. It's it's

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

**\*\*** Yeah, and that was that was passed I mean by the will of the people right though the people elect the Representatives and senators they'd go through the regular process craft the bill debate the bill pass the bill and then the Democrats try to hijack it and go against the will of the American people shutting down the government ridiculous Fetterman sounded like you know a Rational normal guy on this whole deal

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

**\*\*** Yeah, well, I you know, I don't want to get into that but the poor guys had some health challenges that apparently they've had an impact on him because he's thinking very clearly right now and it's It's it's it's good to have a voice like that over there. But at the end of the day, I These guys I've had enough of being nice about it I think we just got to be honest about it and that means we're being a little too hard-hitting So be it this nonsense about these enhanced tax credit stocks You've got it's it's the Affordable Care Act voted on by Democrats. Oh, I expect this I expect this weak need leader Quote unquote in the house Hakeem Jeffries tonight to make this big stand about health care crisis Created by Republicans somebody ought to remind this I This New Yorker who took a knee to a Marxist communist anti-semitic mayor. I Somebody might remind him that Hakeem you and your colleagues Created something called the Affordable Care Act, which has been totally unaffordable It is increased prices in the health care industry for families by almost a hundred percent since Democrats only Voted for that nonsense and they they tried to distract us by calling it Obamacare Putting it with a person that name of the bill with the Affordable Care Act. It has made health care Unaffordable for the average American in this country right now. We're looking at 30% increases in premiums Ox if we did what they're asking us to do which is take their temporary Enhanced tax credits premium tax credits and extended them for a year You know how much of that 30% would be impacted about 5% Wow This this is the law that is creating the crisis and it's time for Republicans to reform the law give people more choices create more competition more transparency These ideas have been out there forever and their time has come We got to make sure that all Americans have access to the greatest health care at an affordable Price and that's what Donald Trump's promise was That's why he was elected and Republicans were elected with him and we will get this done.

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

**\*\*** Well and the Democrats thanks to them We've lost 40 I mean basically two full months of negotiation to make that happen exactly in this time this crunch time before the Premiums all go up in January What do you see



coming out of these discussions to try to Wow give them what they want.

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* I Well, we're not giving them what they want Hey, what they want is exactly what Biden and these Democrats did to the country in the last four years Remember what they did they they came into office and they passed something called the American rescue plan Do you remember that ox it was a two trillion dollar spending bill. I If they were warned economists have called this the original sin Because if it is what drove double-digit inflation that we had not seen in this country in Decades in like 40 years and in these guys they were responsible for it This is why Donald Trump was elected to fix the economy Which is what he has inherited is this broken by an economy. Guess what gas prices were at a five year low This past week. You've got Grocery prices. I saw even that worthless Newspaper so-called newspaper in Minneapolis had a thing about how I Target or some of these others are slashing egg prices and milk prices. Look Trump has been fixing the economy and what do these guys want to do again? They want to spend another 1.5 Trillion dollars ox. It's all they know. It's the same thing. They did to put this country in the ditch under Biden They want to keep doing it. They just they just will not learn

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* So is there a proposal is there an idea then moving forward that that can be so quick that that it might give a Respite to some of these big prices that are going to increase January 1st for so many people

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Again, you've got a you got to put competition back in the marketplace Amen, stop sending stop sending big fat checks to health insurance companies There's the only ones that are winning off this deal that money should go directly to Americans Which is what Trump has talked about. You're gonna have to create high-risk pools again You know, it just go back where Minnesota was before this failed affordable unaffordable care act We literally I based the healthy individuals were able to be in a pool and you could have competition Insurance competition that is for different insurance products within that healthy market, right? You could do that risk assessment Then we had a high risk pool because anybody who knows a health care understands that a small part of the population consumes the majority of the Of the health care because they need it. We had ways of addressing that by by supplementing that population Instead of doing what the Affordable Care Act did which is totally up ending the risk Analysis by putting all of them together and saying the healthy people are going to be paying for the The people that need more health care Instead of dealing with the people who need more health care and allowing healthy people to actually have competition in their marketplace as well So there's there's different pooling options that are out there, right? For small businesses, there's all kinds of ideas first things first deluxe You got to open the government you got to pass these first three appropriations bills I understand there's another three to six that are ready to go very quickly You're gonna have to fund the government and as we get towards the end of the year The truth needs to be told about the Affordable Care Act being the unaffordable Care Act and it's time It's time for Donald Trump and Republicans to fix what these Democrats have broken.

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Amen to that Final thought a congressman if I can our mutual friend Sean Duffy talking about these You know these airline cancellations etc pretty dire words today, even if the government reopens They're not in a good spot to maintain full Airline traffic what can be done in a in a quick short time to try to fix that?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**



\*\* Well, you got to open the government number one Right, that should that should happen tonight or tomorrow, but I think what Sean was I was very good By the way, he's been fantastic whoever would have guessed that secretary Sean Duffy would be Could you imagine if Pete Buttigieg was still in that position right? You wouldn't be you wouldn't be getting any of this communication. You wouldn't be getting any of this the solutions I as an American I think I feel more comfortable despite all the problems the Democrats have called caused with our air traffic I feel more comfortable with a guy like Sean Duffy telling me You know what? We're gonna cancel or delay flights because our number one thing is making sure that if you go from here to there you're safe We're gonna make sure everybody's safe. And what he was saying this morning is yes I you reopen the government everybody's gonna come back to work, but that doesn't mean the problem is solved Instantaneously, you're literally going to have to work back to it. He said they they're gonna cancel Reduce the airspace by another 8% I think it is today and perhaps another 10% Tomorrow going into the weekend because they got to get people back to work and they got to get up and running Hopefully within the next week assuming this is open tonight or tomorrow morning Hopefully within the next week we start to see a return to normalcy when it comes to air travel

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Votes when Tom wins the vote scheduled

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Well, we're supposed to be voting on the procedural part of it sometime between 4 30 and 5 30 p.m Eastern so 3 30 to 4 30 your time ox, but it just depends We've got members who are coming from all over the country and they have the same travel challenges that every American has right now So it'll depend on when we have everybody here because we understand That the House Democrats and I I want to see Angie Craig do this yet again, they're gonna vote No, they don't want to reopen the government. They're all gonna vote. No, so we got to get all our members back here. I Assuming they were all here. We vote Time this afternoon then about an hour or two later. We'd vote on the actual bill, but keep in mind I the worthless minority leader may actually Because he's been so not relevant for the last 40 some days he's gonna try and make himself relevant tonight I think and he'll start his magic minute where he'll just complain about a lie He'll gaslight the American people yet again on what he claims is a Republican health care crisis when in fact He and his party are the ones that are directly responsible not only for the health care crisis But for the dire situation the country is in right now because of their shutdown

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Objective truth both of those congressman Emmer no spin.

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Yes, that's an absolute objective truth

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* Well congressman. Thanks, and good luck on the whipping any any thoughts that you're not gonna have anybody go south on you

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* No, we're gonna. We're gonna pass this thing, okay?

**\*\*HOST (OX):**



\*\* All right, man. Well, let's get back what we do. Thank you That's what we did so much for all your time on this very busy day for you, sir Thanks for being on hot talk with the ox

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Great to be with you act always a pleasure

**\*\*HOST (OX):**

\*\* there you have it congressman Tom Emmer the man getting it all done to reopen the government on hot talk with the ox

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