



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE FAULKNER FOCUS

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****HARRIS:**

** House Majority Whip Tom Emmer is with me now, Republican from the great state of Minnesota. Great to see you, sir. First of all, what is that conversation like? I mean, this doesn't seem like a particularly hard choice. Choose the people.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Right. There is no... I've been listening, Harrison. You've talked about competing bills. There are no competing bills. When you talk about a clean CR, I think we need to do a better job explaining to the American people. This is just keeping things status quo for the next seven weeks, because believe it or not, despite what the leader's rhetoric is on the Senate side, Republicans and Democrats that are in conference committee on three appropriations bills right now are extremely close to wrapping those up. So this seven-week period is trying to move us back towards a regular order appropriations process, which has been the goal of the House Republicans from the beginning. We're not there yet, but this is a step forward. And there is no partisan poison pill. There's no additions that people are going to get, take their jerseys, put their jerseys on and take their corners. It is simply keeping the status quo for seven weeks so that the two bodies can finish their work. And look, Chuck Schumer, first, I don't believe him. I don't think... It'd be felony dumb for him to shut the government down. Just think of how it would affect our veterans, our military men and women, how it would affect all of the services that people expect, how it would affect all the people that count on those services. He's not... Well, let's say I don't believe him. I think this is a lot of saber rattling because he knows what he's doing is just messaging. The best thing for the American people, Republicans and one Democrat just passed this out of the House. It's going to go over to the Senate, and I believe they're going to pass it.

****HARRIS:**

** All right. I want to move on to something that did pass today. And Democrats, some of them took some odd stances. Here's Congresswoman Maxine Dexter of Oregon on why she voted present on the resolution to honor Charlie Kirk. I condemn political violence in the strongest possible terms, but I could not support a resolution that under the guise of denouncing political violence also amplified rhetoric that I know to be harmful, divisive and fuel the very extremism we see today. To then give this resolution more oxygen by voting no, I voted present. I will not lend my vote to a process that deepens division and puts more people at risk. I got to tell you, Congressman Emmer, I read that as she voted present because she really, really doesn't feel the heat of being asked by constituents who say, how can you not be on the side of a man who talks so much about debate and faith?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** It was disgusting today. You have more than half the Democrats that did not vote in favor of a resolution that condemns the very political violence you just heard her saying we condemn. I mean, you when you start to split hairs and you start to make excuses, people, it begs the question why? I mean, you had 58 Democrats vote no.



You had 38 Democrats like the one you just showed the clip of that voted present, which is a very cowardly thing to do. And then you had 22 that didn't even show up, Harris. If we all believe that political violence is something that should never be tolerated in this country, that was an easy one of the easiest yes votes you could ever have. But you see, the problem is it's a problem on the left. I think it was Rutgers that did a survey on the left that 55 percent of people on the left think assassinating the president, you know, there might be some basis for that. And north of 20 percent thought there was complete, complete vindication or an excuse to commit murder to somebody that for again, somebody you don't believe in. So, I mean, that is that's a high number of people who either think it's an OK idea or a good idea.

****HARRIS:**

** I do want to ask a question, though, about something that House Speaker Mike Johnson mentioned, and that is keeping all of you safe. There is a bill on the table. Talk to me about that if you can.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, it's actually part of the CR. It was the only addition that is not a partisan issue. The White House had asked for an additional 58 million for the executive branch to boost security. They asked for an additional 28 million for the U.S. Supreme Court. And I think we're all well aware of the heightened risk that the justices have faced. And then we added another 30 million to plus up the Congress. So everybody is extremely concerned. By the way, our speaker, myself, our leadership. We don't care. Republican or Democrat, everybody should be safe. Right. Yeah. That includes everybody.

****HARRIS:**

** I appreciate your time always, Congressman Emmer. Thank you.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Thank you, Harris.

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