



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Steve Doocy on Fox & Friends

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## **HOST (STEVE):**

\*\* There were a bunch of Republicans, though, that didn't want this passed. Fifty-seven percent, only fifty-seven percent of Republicans voted for it.

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

\*\* Yeah, I think a lot more would have voted for it, but for the fact that Democrats decided at the last minute they were going to support it. And when that happened, you saw Republicans jumping off. Look, there's the Republican, the vast majority of the Republican conference under Mike's leadership recognizes that you have to fight to win. You got to pick those fights where you can actually advance the ball. And what Mike Johnson did yesterday, what the House Republicans did, every Republican should have voted for it. But I'm sure they, you know, worry about how do I go home and explain this. Well, I'll tell you, we broke the Christmas Omni a year ago. We were doing one point seven trillion dollars just before the holidays. The people.

## **\*\*STEVE:**

\*\* True.

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

\*\* Don't read it. Got to go home. Right. We have ended that. We will not be doing that. We're going to have an opportunity over the next several weeks to do the actual conferencing of these bills with the Senate and do an appropriations process that Steve hasn't been done in 30 years.

## **\*\*STEVE:**

\*\* Well, Tom, the problem is because it's a two step process. Come January, the same people who wanted big cuts are going to say, OK, we passed it back in November. We want the big cuts now. You know, human beings are not static animals. They're going to move. I all. Are you sure?

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

\*\* I know I work with them all day. It's especially in the political sphere. There's a lot of passion. There's a lot of emotion for tightly held beliefs. But I think a lot of the people that voted against it yesterday, it wasn't just they didn't want to take the time to go home and explain why this was necessary to do it this way. It's also because they do not trust the process, even though they trust the speaker. It's they want to see action. So I think as we move forward with the appropriations process, the way the speaker has designed it, I think you'll get a lot of believers by the time we get to January.

## **\*\*STEVE:**



\*\* Well, let's hope so. The previous speaker, Kevin McCarthy, who lost his job because he worked with Democrats. He was yet yesterday in the midst of another brouhaha. Did he walk behind Congressman Burchett and give him an elbow in the back? Watch this. Kevin McCarthy walked by and he elbowed me in the kidneys as he walked by. I felt it was on purpose and not an accident accident. 100 percent on purpose, man. What are the chances? Did you elbow him? No, I did not elbow. No, I would not elbow. I would not hit him in a kidney. I guess I elbowed him as I walked by. I didn't punch anybody. And then you also had that hearing that devolved into essentially a cage match. Another congressman on your side called another congressman, a Democrat, a smurf. What the heck is going on?

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

\*\* You know, people have been at first off. All those people are great people. I don't care if they're Republicans or Democrats. There's no issue with that. But you've got a we've been there for 10 weeks. You've had people in the Capitol working at a very high intensity level. So just boiled over yesterday. I think, look, we're accomplishing things that we set off to do, which we avoided a government shutdown days before it was actually going to hit. When's the last time that's happened? And we've got the holiday break, the Thanksgiving break that's coming next week. I would just suggest, Steve, it couldn't be at a better time.

**\*\*STEVE:**

\*\* No kidding. Is the House majority whip. Tom, thank you very much.

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

\*\* Thank you, Steve.

**\*\*STEVE:**

\*\* You know what? Your office is right over there. You're going to be the first one in there today. You can start answering phones. Thank you.

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