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****STUART:**

** House Majority Whip, Tom Emmer, joins me now. Congressman, do the Democrats really want to spend money on this kind of thing? That's a long list of stuff.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Absolutely, Stuart. This is the whole goal. They also want to put illegals back on taxpayer-funded healthcare. Just look at Maxine Waters last week. She said that's exactly what this is all about. They've got some misplaced spending priorities. This is why Donald J. Trump got 77 million votes last November. This is why Americans elected a Republican House and a Republican Senate to deal with this problem. And that's what we have done by passing the Working Families Tax Cut Act back in July that the president signed into law. And now, for whatever reason, I believe it's because the leader in the Senate, Stuart, Chuck Schumer, is literally leading his progressive left, the Marxists that are controlling that radical party, right off the end of the pier with this needless shutdown.

****STUART:**

** Before we end that list of potential spending, I want to pay attention to the last one on the list, which our viewers may not have seen. \$3.6 million for pastry cooking classes and dance focus groups for male prostitutes in Haiti. That's according to Senator John Kennedy. Okay, let's move on. I think we've taken our measure of that one. Democrat Senator Adam Schiff and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries were confronted on their past anti-government shutdown comments. Listen to this.

****STUART:**

** You heard Speaker Johnson, as you're just referencing, criticize Democrats for using the government shutdown to press for an extension of those Obamacare tax subsidies. But you actually did make a similar point back in 2013. Why is now different?

****STUART:**

** So there is a crisis now that we didn't have then. The crisis is far worse now, I should say, than we had then.

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** Why not fund the government and debate extending Obamacare tax credits after the fact they don't expire till the end of the year?

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** And America is already too expensive for the American people because of the Trump failed policies, the Trump tariffs. And this will make things worse.



****STUART:**

** Congressman, it's amazing how time changes. That was then, this is now. But I would like to point out that now we have a deficit every year of approaching \$2 trillion.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, well, first off, those are two bad examples. Adam Schiff is a proven liar. He is about as dishonest a human being as you're going to find. And poor Hakeem is nothing more than a cartoon character at this point, playing some kind of ridiculous part. The fact is Chuck Schumer supported this exact clean CR just six months ago, and so did all the Democrats in the Senate. By the way, Chuck Schumer and these same Democrats all voted for the same clean CR 13 times, Stewart, under the Biden administration. It's literally they are responsible for shutting down the government and holding the American people hostage, and it's got to end.

****STUART:**

** The White House is warning of mass layoffs if the shutdown negotiations go nowhere. So our question is, when does the president start cutting?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, look, Stewart, difficult decisions have to be made. There are no negotiations. We negotiated back in September. The negotiation was to have a seven-week funding bill that would allow our appropriations process to try and finish. We're trying to get back to regular order appropriations that they haven't done around here in decades. We have a conference committee voted on by both the Senate and the House last month for the first time since 2018. This funding bill is necessary to get people back to the table. And if they don't do it, Stewart, the administration has to do what's in the best interest of the country and the American people. They're going to have to make some hard decisions. And as the president has said, this shutdown, which is purely the Democrats and Chuck Schumer, they're going to cost a lot of people their jobs if they continue.

****STUART:**

** Tom Emmer, you are the House Majority Whip, and we thank you very much for being with us this morning. Thank you, Tom.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Good to be with you, Stewart.

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