



Rep. Tom Emmer on The John Fredericks Show

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****HOST (JOHN):**

** Joining us live, the Majority Whip of the United States Congress, Republican, Minnesota, Majority Whip Tom Emmer, Mr. Majority, I'm sorry, Majority Leader Tom Emmer, sorry about that, Tom, gave you a demotion there. Tom, thanks for being with us today.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Great to be with you, John.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** Listen, Tom, lots to talk about, Majority Leader. Let's start with the shutdown. Doesn't seem to be going anywhere. Senator Schumer not going to negotiate or not going to tell five senators to vote for it. This thing is going to go on now. There's an all-kings rally or something on the 18th. He's speaking there. It'll certainly go on through there. What is the position now of House leadership on this shutdown?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, according to our speaker and the leadership team, again, thanks for having me, John. The position is we did our work. We have a funding bill that was passed with all Republican votes and only one Democrat back on September 19th, John, well in advance of the September 30th funding deadline. Chuck Schumer has decided to make this a ridiculous hill to stand on. You refer to this rally that the pro-terrorist wing of the Democrat party is going to be holding on to, but it sounds like Chuck Schumer and Democrats in the Senate, including your two senators, Kaine and Warner, are going to refuse to fund our government. They're going to hurt everyday Americans that rely on our troops, our TSA agents, our air traffic controllers. The list is very long. Apparently, they're going to wait until this pro-terrorist rally takes place on the 18th. If that's true, John, Americans should be even more furious than they're going to be starting next week.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** Tom, let me ask you this. Kaine and Warner, right? They're complaining that all these jobs are going to be lost, that there's going to be cutbacks. They represent federal workers. Now they're putting in a bill to get back pay in perpetuity or something. They represent the federal workers, that they don't want to get laid off, but yet they're voting not to reopen the government, and you guys passed a clean CR, which is what ... You know how many times I've had Mark Warner and Tim Kaine on my show, and they said, hey, just tell the Republicans to pass a clean CR, we're good? Yeah. Probably, what, 50 times? Now, all of a sudden, you pass a clean CR that they voted for in March, and now it's not good enough, and they want to fund the \$1.5 trillion for illegal aliens getting health care. How does this make sense? They want to tell you that's not true, too.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**



** It's just amazing. It's not just that your senators voted for this last March, John. They voted for this 13 times under the Biden administration. This exact same funding, current funding, they've done this several times for whatever reason they refuse to do it now. They're trying to claim, the House members, people like your Eugene Vindman, these guys want to come back now, and they want to start voting on just specific issues. You know what? They all voted against paying our troops. They all voted against paying our air traffic controllers, paying all of our federal employees. The senators are who they have to call for a bailout at this point. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine need to do the right thing, and quite frankly, all those federal workers that are out there, John, and the federal contractors who will be hurt even more. You know, federal contractors don't get back pay. They just lose the money, and these are huge constituencies in the state of Virginia that Warner and Kaine represent. It may actually have an impact on your elections in just a few weeks.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** See, normally when you have a government shutdown and you have an election in Virginia, and I live in Washington, D.C. now, by the way, by the way, Majority Whip Emmer, I live in the safest city in America, just saying, in my family. We have no crime. You can eat off the streets now. It's the cleanest city in the country. It's beautiful. It's clean. There's no crime. You know, the Democrats want utopia. We got it right here in Washington, D.C. in Trumpville. So just want to point that out there, sir. But if you look at Kaine and Warner in Virginia, all they do is whine about the federal workers, and all they have to do is vote with the other three Democrats to get five to open the government back up, and then you negotiate it. This is why it doesn't make any sense.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, that's that's the way it's supposed to work. And the this is absolutely foolish on their part, because the other thing that they did, John, is they filed. I don't know who the genius was that thought this was a good idea, but they filed an alternative bill in the Senate. It's in writing what their priorities are. This is Tim Kaine and Mark Warner. Their priorities are spending another one point five trillion dollars, including putting illegals back on taxpayer funded health care. And by the way, they want to tell you this is a health care fight. Apparently, their priorities include gutting the rural health care fund. I mean, it just this makes no sense. It is in writing. This is their priority. And this is why all Americans, not just Virginians, should really hold them accountable for what they're doing here. It's a mistake and it's disgusting and it's wrong and it needs to end.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** Tom Emmer with us, representative, Minnesota Republican, also House Majority Whip, Whip Emmer. Let's get to let's get to health care and the Obamacare subsidies, which they also Democrats are screaming about because they are sunseting December 31st. There's a whole story here because Obamacare was supposed to bring costs down. It didn't. It is what it is. And but we're stuck with it. And so you have these subsidies that were driven by covid. They sunset at the end of December. So they're saying, oh, we want to negotiate the sunset. I support the Jen Kagan's initiative. Second District of Virginia. Jen wants a gradual phase out. She wants to cap incomes. But you just can't do it in one day. And so I 100 percent back to Jen Kagan's effort here. But this has nothing to do with the shutdown, because the purpose of your CR is to get this now six weeks to negotiate in the appropriations and figure out what to do with the Obamacare subsidy sunset. What am I missing here?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** You're not missing anything. I think you're just expressing the frustration that a lot of us have. We did negotiate. We negotiated in September a seven week funding extension at current levels so that we could continue working together. This is Republicans and Democrats. John, if the second week of September, I



believe it was both the House and the Senate passed motions to go to conference on appropriations bills that hadn't happened since 2018. We're trying to get back to a regular order appropriations process. All this is doing is frustrating that ability to negotiate. Jen Kagan's your representative in Virginia's second congressional district is doing an amazing job. She is trying to get to the table and have to have this discussion, because let's let's start where you started, which is Obamacare is the reason that the prices for our insurance have skyrocketed. I mean, it's just like our energy thing, all of their, you know, kill fossil fuel thing. We got to move and force the market to go someplace that doesn't make sense. It's driven our energy costs way up. It's the same thing here. And what Jen Kagan's and others are doing is they want to figure out how to reform the system. They want to do it with the least amount of pain possible to the people that need this insurance. Us Americans and her idea. I'm the whip, so everybody who's listening, I don't take a position as to whether we extend the ACA subsidies, whether we don't. That's not my job. My job is to help members like Jen Kagan's do what she needs to do to negotiate with people who may have a different opinion of how that works or what should happen so that they can reach some agreement and move this thing forward without Chuck Schumer and your two senators, John Jenkins can't finish what she's been working on.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** Which was the whole point of the clean CR, which is I think what everybody just can't believe what they're doing. This was the objective of it. And this is what the Democrats on the other side of the aisle have called on you guys to do forever when the script was reversed. And look, I support the Kagan's bill. I am a supporter of Jen Kagan's. She's been a very good representative and she understands that you just can't have a hard stop on December 31st. And her plan is to phase this over time. She wants to give it a pause for 12 months to figure it out. I'm sure as in negotiations, you have to cap the income, you have people making \$700,000 out of getting subsidies. That doesn't make any sense. None of us are for that. But the purpose of the CR is to give everybody time to negotiate a plan addressing the Obamacare subsidy sunset. And now you can't do that. And the Democrats are now trying to negotiate that in this shutdown, which has nothing to do with it. That's the frustrating thing.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** It has nothing to do with anything. As our speaker has said numerous times, this is not a right now funding issue. This is an end of the year policy issue. And so your listeners understand in the Inflation Reduction Act, wrongly named Inflation Reduction Act, what they did is they took away all of those income levels, the caps, literally they opened it up. So on the bottom end, you've got a whole bunch of people, whatever percentage of the poverty level that are paying zero premium because the government pays the entire premium. What does that do? Well, that gives the insurance company no incentive whatsoever to give you a low price. They're going to jack it up as high as they can, because guess what? The taxpayers are going to pay for it. And then as you correctly point out, John, they literally allow people who are making \$600,000 a year or more to access these subsidies. And people need to understand the subsidies do not go to the individual. The subsidies go directly to the insurance company. So this is what Jen Kiggins is looking at. She understands that the insurance companies, that's where the issue is. There's a lot of fraud when you've got no one paying anything on these things, and the government's responsible for the whole thing. But she is not draconian, in my opinion. What she's doing is saying, all right, we've got to fix this program. But in the meantime, we can't let the insurance industry harm these people, and Democrats harm these people any more than they already have. The Democrats and their Obamacare is what has destroyed this system and made it so ungodly expensive for all of us, including us here in Congress. You should hear my wife complain about what we have to pay for this stuff. It's the same for all Americans, and we've got to fix this system. And guess what? The only people who can do it, John, I will argue, are Donald J. Trump and the Republicans that are in the U.S. House of Representatives in



the U.S. Senate. And that includes Jen Kiggins, who's one of the leaders.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** No doubt about it. And Kiggins is taking the lead on this, and she's 100 percent right, in my mind. Let's move on, if we can, Majority Whip Tom Emmer with us, representative of Minnesota, Republican, obviously. Tom, let's get to these troops that the president is deploying in the National Guard in Portland and Chicago, and the mayor of Chicago creating sanctuary sections within the sanctuary cities and telling his Chicago police to stand down as federal troops are getting attacked by Antifa and other protesters, so they can't even protect them. I just want your you're in the Midwest, you're in Minnesota. Give me give me your thoughts on this.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Look, I have the worst governor in the country, Timmy Walls, who embarrassed himself on the national stage and embarrassed my state. He's no better than J.B. Pritzker and this mayor in Chicago. Look, when our founders created this constitutional republic, and we believe in federalism, but I guarantee you they never saw a governor literally deploying law enforcement or just citizens to fight with federal authorities who are trying to do their job and enforce the law. It's outrageous. And I understand the president's frustration, but the frustration needs to come from the actual people that are being harmed. I mean, I've got a state where Tim Walls has made us a sanctuary state or a trans refuge state where all this B.S. that makes no sense whatsoever. And you know what? They're not doing they're not taking care of crime. Tim Walls could call out the National Guard himself. We had 12 shootings on a Monday just a couple of weeks ago in Minneapolis. Twelve, John. Twelve. But does that get reported? No. These guys in Chicago. It's like a war zone. You've got to be careful when you go from one downtown establishment to another at night because you're taking your life into your own hands in some cases. Why? Because a failed mayor of the city of Chicago who is more interested in politics than he is in protecting the people who hired him to do the job. And those fools aren't holding him accountable. And there's J.B. Pritzker. He's got no business being in charge of even a buffet, I mean, obviously. But these guys are the problem. Look at Tim Walls. Tim Walls literally let Minneapolis burn down because he would not call out the National Guard. It wasn't until Donald J. Trump threatened him that he was going to do it that he finally did back in 2020. Now he could do it yesterday. J.B. Pritzker could do this yesterday, but they hate Donald Trump so much. They are willing to put their their people at risk every day instead of making them safe, which is what Donald Trump campaigned on, restoring law and order, making America safe again. And he's shown you. You brought it up. You live in Washington, D.C. I work here. I'll tell you what. It's much different than what we saw before Donald Trump took action.

****HOST (JOHN):**

** How to turn the worst city in America into into Disneyland in three weeks or less. New bestseller Donald J. Trump is basically it. You're on the John Trudy's media network, Truth and the Truth Across America. We're with Majority Whip Tom Emmer, a House Republican from Minnesota, speaking to Minneapolis. Whip Emmer speaking in Minneapolis. So your mayor, your mayor, your Minneapolis mayor, says he wants to go to Somalia to be with his people. What what what what is that about?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** I think that's the Mamdami of the Midwest. That's Omar Fada. He's the wannabe mayor. The mayor who's there right now is a guy named Jacob Fry. I called him one of the two boy toy mayors that we have in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Jacob is just kind of a shell of a young man who's playing a part of being a mayor. And Omar Fada literally is the Mamdami of the Midwest, Mamdami the commie that is running for mayor in New York City. He's no different than our own domestic supporter of terrorism, Ilhan Omar. Ilhan Omar, you will hear



people in Minnesota ask, does she represent Minnesota in the United States of America? Or does she represent Somalia? We always question that. She's actually said she's been quoted in the past as saying much the same thing as you're referencing with Omar Fada. Look, it gets back to people have to wake up. In Minnesota, Tim Walz won re-election last time with 52% of the vote. We have 87 counties. John, Tim Walz only won 13. In the 74 counties that he lost, he got 37% of the vote. In his former congressional district, he lost it by almost 10 points. Donald Trump, last November, beat Tim Walz in his hometown by 30 points. So it's the 13 county metro. We've got good people, people that you and I would associate live in the 13 county metro, but they're just not getting the news about Minneapolis, about how crazy this Omar Fada is. I mean, look at what they have done to Minnesota. Look at what they have done to Illinois. Look at what Democrats have done to Colorado, California, Michigan, what Abigail Spanberger, I guarantee you, will do to Virginia. You watch. Elections have consequences. If you somehow let that slickster get into the governor's office, the executive office in Virginia, you're going to get exactly what we've been force fed in Minnesota for the last seven years. It's

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