



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE RAY STEVENS SHOW – JANUARY 5, 2026

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****HOST (RAY):**

** And here we go. We've got Tom on the line with us right now. Good morning, Mr. Representative. Welcome back to WLS, sir.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Good morning, Ray. Great to be with you on this beautiful January 5th. [laughter] There's a new sun rising in Minnesota and all around the world.

****HOST (RAY):**

** Boy, it is. You know, we were talking off air, you and I having a little bit of a conversation before we were going to set to jump on here. And boy, you talk about a busy news cycle. And I was kind of joking that boy, if anybody's got the heat off him a little bit this morning. It's, you know, tampon Timmy Walls because right now everybody's talking about Venezuela. But we do have breaking news. We talked about this before we went to the break. I'll let you tell the WLS listeners about what's going to go on with Tim Walls in Minnesota today.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, I mean, first, let's key it up. Ray, I want to thank you personally. I want to thank President Trump and independent journalists like Nick Shirley. Because of all of you, the world is finally witnessing what we've been sounding the alarm on for years in Minnesota. And here's where we're at with the fraud in the state of Minnesota. Ray, 80 autism centers and more than 50 daycare centers under investigation. An entire Medicaid housing program shut down. And the largest COVID pandemic program fraud in the nation occurred under Tim Wall's watch. And unfortunately the list goes on and on. The US attorney's office in Minnesota believes that \$9 billion has actually been stolen from taxpayers on Tim Walls wash. And guess what? The Walls administration is going to be held accountable. And I'm going to argue that any Somali who is engaged in fraud should be denaturalized and deported. And I will just throw out there that includes marriage fraud, right? If you came to this country illegally, if you came under false pretenses, you should not be granted citizenship. And we're frankly tired of people coming here taking advantage of US generosity, the United States taxpayers generosity, and then refusing to assimilate. You don't want to assimilate, you don't want to obey our laws, then get the hell out of here today.

****HOST (RAY):**

** And today, Tim Walls is going to announce very likely in the next few hours that he is no longer, surprise, surprise, news flash, he's no longer seeking reelection as the governor of Minnesota.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**



** Boy, oh boy, I wonder why that is. You know, you have seen this from your chair for a long time. Nick Shirley has seen this for a long time. The local Fox affiliate up in the Twin Cities had been reporting on this fraud, but nobody nationally wanted to take a hold of it. And still, there's a lot of news organizations that aren't handling this as a major news story. About \$9 billion, as you said, \$9 billion with a B. And you talked about the amount of autism centers, 80 of those, 50 daycares, maybe \$9 billion in fraud. People need to go to jail. And it's funny because, you know, that other side, the Democrats, they've got this big buzz word they're using lately: affordability and America first. How does anybody look at themselves with a straight face in the mirror this morning knowing that they covered this up and they put this guy in a position to who very likely could have been the vice president of the United States of America. This is corruption that we haven't seen in a long long time.

****HOST (RAY):**

** Well let's just say it hasn't been acknowledged ever. I mean, these guys have been, whether it's states like California, you name it, Illinois, there's all kinds of corruption and fraud that the local media refuses to report on. Who knows why? Maybe they figure it's a hangy last strategy, Ray, that if I don't report on it, then I'll have access. I'll have content that I can report. The problem is US taxpayers are getting cheated and robbed without the fourth establishment doing its job. The Twin Cities media quite frankly should be ashamed of themselves. They have aided and embedded this fraud over the last decade. Do you realize that in 2017 and 18, the then Democrat attorney general Lorie Swanson was investigating Somali daycare fraud. Lorie Swanson ran for the Democrat nomination for governor that year against guess who? Tim Walz. Keith Ellison, who gave us Ilhan Omar, who is an embarrassment to my state and quite frankly should probably go back to where she came from. Ilhan Omar, by the way, Ilhan, if you're listening, the truth is coming, Ilhan. And the truth will set you free or at least maybe set you back to where you came from. But the bottom line is these guys did not report on this stuff. Tim Walz and Keith Ellison took office because Tim Walz beat Lorie Swanson. They took office in that election cycle. And guess what Keith Ellison did, Ray? Keith Ellison changed the procedures within the Minnesota Attorney General's office. He said there would be no more investigations of these Somali daycares or any other Somali entrepreneurial activity without his express approval. And you know what? He didn't approve any investigations over the last seven years. These guys have allowed this to happen. And if the whistleblowers are real, and I think they are, and if they can actually document what they're claiming, and they're claiming that they told Tim Walz, they told Attorney General Keith Ellison about the fraud when it was happening, and they were not only ignored, Ray, they were retaliated against. If that's true, these guys should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

****HOST (RAY):**

** Rugged individualism, I believe, is what Tim Walz, Governor Tim Walz calls it. Now, tell me, sir. And this is Representative Tom Emmer, Minnesota, Republican majority, House Whip. Sir, you mentioned some of the other states that go along that seem to be steeped in Democrat corruption. Illinois would be one of those. Do you think that this could lead to other states as well? I mean, look at here in Illinois, we have welcoming centers for people that are here illegally that were coming here by droves. We know that it was to change elections. Does this get bigger than just your state alone?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Oh, I absolutely it does. You got to understand that we have been under feckless leadership for years. It was not until Donald Trump came in and oh, people don't like his tone and he's too hard on... No, he's not. He's telling the truth that nobody wants to hear. My state's one of the worst. You know, we've got this Minnesota nice thing, the Scandinavian deal where nobody wants to be accused of being a racist. Nobody wants to be accused of being a xenophobe. So they just turn their eyes away from what's going on. There is nothing racist. There is



nothing xenophobic about calling out criminals, Ray. And what's happening, whether it's Minnesota, it's Illinois, it's California, name your poorly run state. You've got criminal elements. In my state, it just happens to be 90% of those charged in the Feeding Our Future scandal, the \$250 million largest pandemic fraud case in the country. 90% of the people charged in all of the people indicted, I believe, or convicted come from the Somali community. Again, you have criminals from outside of this country and inside of this country that see the generosity of the American taxpayers and Americans and they laugh. They go in and they start defrauding these programs. This is why last July when we did the working families tax cut act also known as the big beautiful bill Ray. We started to put some serious accountability measures into a program like Medicaid. You might recall we put in work requirements for the first time. We put in certain verification requirements that states have to meet because we know this stuff is going on and the states refuse to deal with it. In fact, I'll finish with this. Dr. Oz at CMS sent Minnesota a letter and said, "I don't want to cut off your benefits." You know, President Trump is playing hardball. There's no question. And he makes it clear that this is what he's going to do if you don't comply. Dr. Oz wants to be the nice guy. He sends a letter to the state of Minnesota and says, "I need photographic proof or I need receipts to verify that in fact the benefits that you claim are going to the people that they're supposed to, the disabled, children, single moms, that it's actually getting to those people. If you don't provide that verification, we have no choice but to cut off these benefits." That's what the Trump administration is doing. And for once, Ray, I think they're going to get some results.

****HOST (RAY):**

** Well, it's going to go deep and it's going to go long. And I have a feeling that you and I are going to be talking several more times in the near future. But today at 11:00, there is a press conference in the great state of Minnesota, the land of 10,000 fakes, as some people are calling it, but we'll get it back on track. It's Ray.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yes,

****HOST (RAY):**

** Ray, I'll give you this. It is being reported albeit not verified yet that Senator Amy Klobuchar who met with Tim Walz yesterday before he scheduled his press conference has apparently already reportedly filed paperwork to run for governor.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, you know what? I think it's time for some wholesale change in Minnesota. And this could be the thing that does it. It's too cool of a place to have these kind of things happening, my friend. Great to have you on. Representative Tom Emmer, majority house whip on the Republican side. Boy oh boy, thanks for the breaking news today. That was a lot of fun.

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