



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE GUY BENSON SHOW – 2025

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HOST (GUY):

We now welcome into the show, GOP Majority Whip, Congressman Tom Emmer of Minnesota. Congressman, Mr. Whip, great to have you back on the show.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Congressman Tom Emmer, GOP Majority Whip. Hey, great to be with you, Guy.

GUY:

Congressman Tom Emmer, GOP Majority Whip. So I just spoke with one of your colleagues, Congresswoman Chemak from Florida, and we were talking about a whole bunch of different topics, including the fact that she just became a mom. Very exciting. And I asked her, I said, look, over the first, now better part of a year, of Trump 2.0 and the Republican majorities in both houses of Congress. You guys have achieved quite a lot. We also know that in an election year, things always become more fraught, more difficult. But you still have the votes, barely, right, at least conceivably, to make some big changes before the midterm elections. Realistically speaking, what's the vision, at least from House Republican leadership, for the next, let's say, year?

REP. TOM EMMER:

So first off, again, Guy, thanks for having me. And you were talking to Kat Chemak, who I bet you didn't know she's a huge Minnesota Vikings fan, Guy, with football starting. So it's interesting you've got two of us back to back. On this topic for the next year, all you gotta look at is the American First Agenda. This is what Donald Trump campaigned on. He has started gangbusters, as you know. And yeah, we have a small majority. But I tell people when I travel around the country, I'm tired of people whining about that. We have a majority. Doesn't matter if it's one vote. Doesn't matter if it's 20 votes. You're always gonna have differences of opinion. You're always gonna have debate and disagreement. But at the end of the day, we've got a job to do. There's a reason why 77 million people voted for Donald J Trump, and that's because of the things he campaigned on. You see already, he's hit the border hard. I love his great line when he said, the last president said you needed new laws to fix the border problem. Actually, all you needed was a new president, and he's correct about that. But now we have to follow through. So Guy, when you talk about the next year, one of the things that has not been completed yet is before Trump, under Biden, when we only had one third of the three pieces of this government, now we have the trifecta. We passed the strongest border bill in 20 years. That's something that I think House Republicans, you will see that come back, whether it's before the end of this year or sometime next year. You will see that under this administration. Because again, it's not just Donald J Trump honoring his campaign promises, and that's only one of several. But that's an example that I'll give you that we have to put this stuff in law. Executive orders are great, but they can be undone by somebody else. So it's not just what Donald Trump is signing, and he signed now, I think it's 150 to 180 executive orders. We made several of those permanent in the reconciliation bill, but now we've got to continue to make the rest of that agenda law.



GUY:

Do you think we'll see another reconciliation package, which is a real opportunity that you guys have available to you? And will there be more spending rescissions?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, there already is another rescissions package that's been floated up to the Hill. I've heard from some appropriations people that they would like to vote on it. They really don't have to. This is more notice by the president and his administration that they are gonna rescind that group of appropriations primarily to USAID and other programs that have proven to be not worthy of taxpayer funding. But when you talk about reconciliation, I think I want to answer it this way. Our leadership in the house is working with the committees to start to go through what fell out of the first reconciliation bill, which we're now referring to by different names because, frankly, the big beautiful bill doesn't tell everybody what's in it, right? You could call it the Great American Energy Act. You could call it the Great Airlines Safety Reform Act. What I choose to call it is the working families tax cut because, in fact, all we did was make permanent the 2017 tax policy. And then we did cut taxes on working men and women in this country by passing no taxes on tips, no taxes on overtime. And, frankly, those are not wealthy people. Those are working people. So we're gonna work with the committees to see what fell out of the working families tax cut reconciliation bill, to see what can be reworked and included in a second one. And I think I'd finish it, Guy, by saying it's important for Republicans to keep delivering under President Trump, especially when Democrats refuse to come to the table and work on the issues that are most important to the American people. That's why reconciliation is important. That's why it's necessary. And that's why there very well could be a second one.

GUY:

Now, we played this clip on the show several times, including just very recently. I referenced it at the top of the show today. Your governor, Tim Walz, was at a Labor Day weekend event with some of his supporters, it sounds like. And he was talking about the online rumors that were rampant over the weekend, really on the left, these fever swamp, and it ended up going more mainstream. And Tim Walz picked it up that President Trump was dead or was on death's door, was in very serious health trouble or something like that. Here is how your governor mentioned that, cut 14. You get up in the morning and you do scroll through things. And although I will say this, the last few days you woke up thinking there might be news. Just saying, just saying, there will be news sometime, just so you know, there will be news. Yeah, I mean, that'd be quite a thing to say at any time for a politician, but especially not very far removed from a terrible tragedy in Minneapolis at that Catholic school and children were shot dead. That looks even more in my mind, very unseemly for a leader of that state. What do you make of what you heard there?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, first off, calling him my governor is very painful. He's an embarrassment to himself and our state. And he literally, the week before at the circus called the DNC summer meeting in Minneapolis, he literally blamed Republican rhetoric for the assassination of Melissa Hortman, who I actually served with in the Minnesota legislature and her husband. It was because of our rhetoric. That is not accurate. And then he goes out and says stuff like that. Clearly his hatred for Donald Trump overrides everything else in his tiny little brain because he's not governing our state and he keeps shooting his mouth off on stuff like this. It's so darn insensitive and inappropriate. I wish we could have adult leadership in the state of Minnesota. I tell you what, if he's doing scrolling, I hope what he finds in the next couple of days is an announcement of the end of his political career.

GUY:



Well, that'd be a happy scroll for I think a lot of Minnesotans, yourself included. Congressman Tom Emmer, who's the majority whip for the GOP in the House. Great to have you here, sir. We gotta run. Thanks so much for your time and we'll be right back.

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