



Rep. Tom Emmer on David Asman on The Evening Edit

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HOST:

House Majority Whip Tom Emmer tells House Republican members in a closed-door meeting that the House could vote to authorize an impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden in the next few weeks. Here with me now is Tom Emmer. Congressman, great to see you. Thank you for being here. Appreciate it. You know, the emphasis that the White House has or that they'd like to put out there that this is all about a witch hunt against Hunter Biden misses the main point. It's not really about Hunter Biden. It's about the Biden family's business deals based on Joe Biden, whether or not Joe Biden got them, and furthermore, whether or not Joe Biden was obstructing justice in stopping investigations into his family and his connections to it, right?

REP. TOM EMMER:

You're absolutely right, David, and we've just gotten started with Chairman Jamie Comer, with Jim Jordan, and with Jason Smith, the three chairs that are heavily involved in this area. And they're just following the facts, David. I mean, you talk about the president, that is the issue. What did the president know? Well, we know that the president has lied several times already. It's documented about what he knew and when he knew it. It's very likely that the president knew, that the president was involved, and the president benefited off this. And these guys have to follow the facts, and literally what I told our members this morning is our speaker is making a decision whether he wants to have a floor vote on a impeachment inquiry, and all that would be is continuing the inquiry that has already begun under the previous speaker. And the reason for it is, on November 17th, the White House sent Chairman Comer and Chairman Jordan a letter saying that they are not going to honor, in essence, they're not going to honor the subpoenas that have been served without a floor vote. So it's very likely they're going to have to go to court to enforce the subpoenas, it looks like. The question is, does Speaker Johnson want to have a vote on the impeachment inquiry on the floor to build up that argument?

DAVID:

We should also mention, by the way, that there's been so much news that a lot of the work that's being done, not only by Chairman Comer, but also by Chairman Jordan. Jim Jordan's Judiciary Committee has been digging up more information. They're planning to have these interviews with Blue Star Strategies. That's the group, the lobbying firm, that was the interlocutor between Burisma when Biden's son Hunter was on the board of Burisma and various agencies of the government, etc. He claims, Jordan claims, Jim Jordan, that these meetings will lead to meaningfully advance the impeachment inquiry. So it's really working, you're working on two fronts through two committees, right?

REP. TOM EMMER:

No, exactly. And actually it's three committees because Jason Smith has jurisdiction as well in the Ways and Means Committee. He's had whistleblowers come in front of that committee from the IRS. They risked their careers to tell the truth about what's happening with the Biden family in these transactions that they weren't allowed to investigate. And you look now, all they're trying to do in the White House is give you a shiny object to



take your attention off of the reality that we've got some serious questions about the president and his family selling their name for a financial benefit around the globe. Our guys have to do their job. They have a constitutional obligation to do the investigation. And they're going to follow the facts where they lead them. They're not going to do what the Democrats did. I find it interesting that the Democrats now don't believe that depositions make sense. That's the way it works. That's the way they did it. You're going to have to take depositions.

DAVID:

Well, they did it on the January 6th committee. I mean, we saw that happen. What they are now complaining against is what they used in the January 6th committee. And there are a lot of people in jail now because of that work that they did, which they're now criticizing the Republicans doing. Very quickly, what happens if Hunter refuses to appear before the committee?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, they can take the same action that they take to enforce a subpoena. But I think what you're going to find is Hunter is going to bluster, bluff and bluster. Our guys are going to tell him, we'll do your deposition, I expect. I leave this to Jamie Comer, but I expect he's probably going to say, we'll do your deposition in public. I mean, if you've done nothing wrong, you have nothing to hide. Let's get it all out there so the American public can see what actually happened. And if the Biden family is exonerated, so be it. But let's get the investigation done so that we know the facts.

DAVID:

House Majority Whip Tom Emmer. Thank you so much for being here, sir. Appreciate it.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Thank you, David.

DAVID:

Well, new developments in the story of a young.

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