



# Rep. Tom Emmer on GOOD DAY ORLANDO – 2025

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**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Let's take you live to Washington to check in with two Republicans, 8th District Congressman Mike Herodopoulos and Representative Tom Emmer from Minnesota. He is the House Republican, WHIP, the third highest ranking GOP member. Gentlemen, good morning. Thanks for your time.

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Good morning.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Congressman Emmer, let's start with you. So what needs to change? There was a little hope that maybe this week we could see the impasse stop to get a resolution. What has to happen this week?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Well, Chuck Schumer and the Senate Democrats have to get over themselves. They have put partisan politics ahead of the American people. Literally, in order for us to be done with this, they have to put the people before their own personal political interests. They're doing serious damage and Floridians need to let, you've got Senators doing the right thing, but we've got to let these other Senators know you're harming 155,000 federal workers in Florida. According to the Council of Economic Advisers, it's costing your state almost \$911 million a week, so almost \$4 billion for the month with the shutdown. That's what has to change, is Chuck Schumer and the Democrats in the Senate have to put their partisan politics aside, stop pandering to their wild, crazy left, and do the right thing for the American people.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Representative Herodopoulos, let's talk about some of those workers. There's been a focus on at least paying federal workers and military workers. Now, Minority Leader Jeffrey's indicated he's not going to support that in the House. Where might that go? How critical is that to at least take that step?

**\*\*REP. MIKE HERODOPOULOS:**

\*\* Well, I think it's really important that we take care of the people who take care of us. It's that simple. Our own son serves in the United States military and I know the sacrifices he makes every day. When he misses a paycheck, it's a real hardship because so many in our military work, of course, paycheck to paycheck. What we're doing here in Washington on the House side is the right thing. We voted yes to keep the government open. No politics was called a clean CR. We even offered them the date they wanted, November 21, and yet they still balked. And so we're here every day trying to work on solutions, but we're waiting on the House. You don't have to watch Schoolhouse Rock to understand it takes 60 votes in the Senate and unfortunately right now the Democrats are simply playing politics while we're working on solutions. Because after all, right now the



economy is finally moving in the right direction. Record stock numbers, low interest rates. We need to keep this economy going and let's keep the government open.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Yeah, I mean, the math is simple. It absolutely is going to take Democrats in the Senate to hit that 60. We do want to hear from Minority Leader Akeem Jeffries about that and then Speaker, Mr. Emmer, I want to get your response afterwards. House Republicans are now heading into their fourth week of vacation. They continue to cancel votes. They have no interest in doing the business of the American people and that's unfortunate. Congressman Emmer, when you hear that, what would your response be?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Well, first off, Akeem Jeffries is basically not relevant. He's become a cartoon character. He's not much of a leader. His rhetoric is, that's all it is, is rhetoric. House Republicans did their job. We voted for a clean CR on September 19th, well in advance of the September 30th funding deadline. House Democrats all but one voted no to paying the troops. They voted no to paying for the federal workers, for air traffic controllers, for TSA agents. They voted no consistently and then it went over to the Senate. We only need a simple majority, as you know, in the House. We passed it, Mike and I, and the Republicans passed it, sent it over to the Senate. We've only got 53 Republicans in the Senate and because of that 60 vote threshold, Schumer's able to hold the American people hostage and that's exactly what he's doing. We had hoped that after their hate America rally here on the mall this weekend in DC, that that would give them enough encouragement now that the crazy left, the Marxists and the socialists that were out there marching, once that was done, we were hopeful that they would end this shutdown. But it looks like they have literally empowered the weirdest, the craziest part of their party, which has become the mainstream now. They've empowered them and it's getting more and more difficult for Chuck Schumer to put his partisan politics aside. Meanwhile, like Mike said, Republicans are either here actually working with constituents or they're at home in their districts doing the job that they're supposed to be doing, while Democrats are hanging around Washington, literally going out to the bars and restaurants and they're telling us we're on vacation.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Yeah, there are a lot of people thought Republicans would not hold together. They have in the House. Congressman Herodopoulos, let's finish it with you. Obviously, both sides dug in right now. What is it going to take? Is it going to take public pressure to get this at the end to finally over the finish line?

**\*\*REP. MIKE HERODOPOULOS:**

\*\* Unfortunately, it will. As you know, the ransom note the Democrats are asking for is \$1.5 trillion. Not billion, trillion dollars in new spending and an additional \$450 billion in health care spending as well. That's worth \$2 trillion. So I hope public pressure will increase. We need to open up the government. After all, you and I pay taxes. We should get the services we pay for. But I'll tell you this. Our office is open back in Brevard and Indian River and Orange County, as is our office here in Washington. You can still call in if you have issues. We want to take care of them because, remember, it's your government. You pay for it. We need to keep it wide open.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Yeah, a lot of Americans are going to start missing paychecks. Let's hope we get an end sooner rather than later. Congressman Mike Herodopoulos, Congressman Tom Emmer, appreciate your time. Thank you.



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