



Rep. Tom Emmer on The Chris Stigall Show

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****HOST (CHRIS):**

** The Majority Whip in the House of Representatives, Congressman Tom Emmer, joins us. Congressman, it's a real thrill to be with you today.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hi.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** Hey, I love the, uh, I love the picture of beautiful Duluth, Minnesota. It looks like, uh, it's actually getting ready for some snow and ice, Chris. Looks like it's getting ready for that. You guys do ice fishing up there? I've never done that. Have you ever done that?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Oh yeah. Come on. God created Minnesota because it's the only place where you can walk on water for part of the year. So it's, it's, uh, and remember ice doesn't live, it doesn't exist in the other place, Chris. So we know that it comes directly from the good Lord above.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** Oh, amen. I love that. There's a Minnesotan for you. Hey, Congressman, I, uh, there's so much to talk to you about. Chief among them, the president last night, I know all the left-wing media, very excited that the president has signed this legislation to release all of the Epstein files. This thing moved with lightning speed. It didn't need a whip to get through the house this time or the Senate, it moved fast. And I'm just curious, the president signed it speedily. Um, I mean, I don't know what to say about it other than I couldn't believe how quickly it moved through the house. I guess I daydreamed that there would be any other piece of legislation that could broadly benefit the American people that could whip through the Senate that fast. Well, you must be hopeful.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah. You may be surprised by my response. First off, I was not impressed by the resolution. It was another game by people who are not interested in getting, uh, transparency and justice for the victims of these horrific, uh, Epstein, uh, crimes, uh, these are people who all they want to do is harm Donald J. I Republicans have been unified, uh, since the beginning on wanting to make sure that all of these records are disclosed without, by the way, harming innocent, uh, parties and or victims who have chosen to be anonymous, Chris. They, they don't want to be out there. So you asked why that did we do this one? Well, I think we've reached a point where the press, uh, is, uh, dishonest is the vast majority of our mainstream press is. Uh, they refuse to report on the fact that the house oversight committee led by Jamie Comer has already published 65,000 documents, Chris, in fact, documents well beyond this, uh, this attempt to, uh, smear the president. Uh, that's why I think it moves so fast because it's been sitting out there while the real investigation has been going on now, these, uh, press folks



are all grabbing onto it saying, Oh no, we're finally going to have transparency. Now, no, you already had it. Uh, all this is, is, uh, a, a effort to get this off the table. So people can actually look at the documents that have been disclosed. And again, Republicans want transparency and accountability for the people who committed these crimes justice for the victims, Chris, uh, the people that were pushing this other thing, uh, all they were looking for was to try and make a point with president Trump, which is all they've ever done. Otherwise they, they would have done something about this in the four years that Joe Biden was in the office.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** Right. And Trump can't be that way. So another promise made promise kept. Tom Emmer is with us. Congressman from Minnesota's sixth congressional district. He is the majority whip there too. Um, we just spoke with Tommy Tuberville over in the Senate earlier, uh, congressman, and he is one like the president who believes let's get rid of the filibuster over there. Um, let's daydream for a minute and walk it out. Your job is whip is to whip votes, get people on the same page to hopefully pass some meaningful legislation. Let's daydream while you guys are still in control of the house and they were to get rid of the filibuster over then the Senate, everything just takes then a simple majority passage vote. Could we daydream for the next few months that the Trump agenda could sail through the house, sail through the Senate and get to the president's desk?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, it would be a dream. Uh, there's no question about that. Look, I, I share the president's frustration. I understand exactly why this is so darn frustrating because of this rule in the Senate that you've got to get 60 votes. We only have 53 Republicans, quite frankly, we only really have 52 that have been able to vote together because one continues to vote no. I, and that means we need seven or eight Democrats, Chris. So the frustration that the president has should be a frustration that the 77 million people who voted for Donald J. Trump and the agenda that he ran on, uh, should have that being said, I right now, if you blow up the filibuster, which is not our call on the house side, as it is a total Senate issue, we pass things with a simple majority, as you know, if you were to get rid of the filibuster, the only thing I would say is that I, by the way, I also share his belief that the second the Democrats are in charge, they will get rid of the filibuster. I, and they will, they've told us already what their agenda is, right? They want to pack the court. They want to make a Puerto Rico and DC states. They they've got this list of wishes that they are going to do. Uh, so I, the president is right on about, this is what they're going to do. We should be doing the same thing. The problem that he could have, you got to make sure if you get rid of the filibuster, that you can get 50 plus one vote every time for your agenda. They got to let America know exactly what they're going to pass with that simple majority. And second, you're going to have to get some senators who have not been very good to, uh, Donald Trump and, uh, Trump supporters to support the agenda. And you know, that is, that is a huge component of it. I mean, we, we should not forget that there are a handful of Republicans that aren't exactly pals with the president and his agenda, uh, congressman Emmer, may I ask you, let's pivot to, uh, um, gosh, I've got quite a bit here.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** How about, um, very specifically codifying doge cuts and more rescissions. Do you think that could come through the house in the coming year?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, the lawyer in me objects to a multiple question, but doge cuts and rescissions. First off the doge cuts. I they're in every appropriations bill, right? Every bill is cutting based on the waste fraud and abuse that, uh, Elon and company, uh, in the doge, uh, setting found and pointed out, uh, rescissions are kind of up to our friend, uh, Mr. Vogt, uh, Russ vote in, uh, uh, the, uh, office of management budget. I don't know that he sent us any more,



uh, proposals for rescissions. Uh, but if he does, uh, we'll do what we've done with the last couple, which is process them. And I, you know, hats off to, uh, president Trump and his administration. And I would argue the Republicans in the house and the Senate for focusing on waste, fraud, and abuse, trying to make this government more efficient, more lean, more capable of serving the people that it's supposed to be working for a house Republicans are doing our part it's in all the appropriations bills, Chris.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** Congressman Tom Emmer with us again, Minnesota's sixth congressional district representative judges. Uh, we've got a lot of federal judges that are trying to derail the Trump administration. One in particular, this Boasberg character, uh, and Arctic frost. We were again, talking to Tommy Tuberville about that. Um, could we see an impeachment of any judge that happens in the house? Do you think that's coming?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, I got to tell you, Chris, I, I'm not going to, uh, dance around this at all. We've had a problem with activists, federal district court judges for years. And the problem has only gotten worse and worse. I would argue that whenever Democrats are in control, they got away from years ago, uh, nominating and then appointing to the federal district court bench jurists, it used to be Chris, that it didn't matter what your political persuasion was. You would apply the law as it exists to the facts as they are presented. Not anymore. You've got people like this Boasberg that in my opinion, uh, they are, they're political clowns. They're literally putting their political beliefs on paper when they're issuing these rulings. That Arctic frost thing. I mean, I think he did violate a law that is, that exists. Senators, us senators are supposed to be advised if their records are being accessed. And this guy gave an, a order for a warrant that allowed, uh, the, uh, they, uh, the justice department to go forward without notifying anybody in violation of a law, a black and white law. So I I'm all for it. I, as the whip, my job is to make sure this stuff gets done. Uh, but I, I'm not going to have a problem if our speaker or, uh, one of our members says, look, these are grounds for impeachment, if they can establish those grounds. Uh, you gotta start holding some of these federal district court judges accountable. You got to get back to judges being a political. They have to apply the law as it's given by the way, created by the legislative branch and signed into law by the executive to the facts that are presented rather than, uh, uh, issuing rulings based on what their political persuasion is.

****HOST (CHRIS):**

** Congressman Tom Emmer, always grateful for your time. I hope this is the first of many conversations to come, sir. Thank you so much.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Enjoyed it, Chris.

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