



## Former Attorney General Edwin Meese Proposes That Passing Health Care Bill Represents First Time U.S. Government has Taken Control of an American Industry



Kicking off his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Truth for America Show" on WZAB-AM, Neal Asbury opened the show by condemning passage of the health care bill characterizing it as "the trashing of the American will by an administration that was playing smash-mouth politics." He predicted that the grass roots movement will continue to grow and influence the mid-term elections. "This will be a time for America to take back the country and let the people decide the direction that the country will take."

Neal's first guest was Edwin "Ed" Meese III who served in official capacities within the Ronald Reagan Gubernatorial Administration (1967-1974), the Reagan Presidential Transition Team (1980), and the Reagan White House (1981-1985), eventually rising to hold the position of the 75th Attorney General of the United States (1985-1988).

He currently holds fellowships and chairmanships with several public policy councils and think tanks including the Constitution Project and the Heritage Foundation.

Meese predicted that while many people are counting on the courts to overturn the recently passed healthcare bill, the only way to accomplish this is by winning the mid-term elections and taking back the House and Senate so that the law can be repealed.

"There is a precedent for this, and it occurred in 1988-1989, when the administration passed a mandatory bill that called for seniors to purchase catastrophic health insurance. When the Republicans took back the Congress, the bill was repealed. That's what we have to do with the healthcare bill," said Meese. "This healthcare bill is a terrible law that will raise costs, taxes and is intrusive into our personal care."

Meese proposed that it is time for the courts to execute their responsibilities under the provisions of the Constitution.

"Never in their wildest dreams would the Founders of this country have predicted that the federal government would take over healthcare. The Founders always assumed that these decisions would be best left to individual states," said Meese, who added, "You can't take something like healthcare, which represents 1/6 of our economy, and impose government regulations. Each time we give up part of our freedom to the gov-

ernment we lose. American citizens are realizing that decreasing freedom is intruding on their ability to make personal decisions. It defies the 'consent of the governed', as put forth in the Declaration of Independence."

Meese advised Republicans to take back the Congress by reminding voters how the Democrats passed the healthcare bill through "promises, bribery and deceit," and that if they want to stop America from moving into a socialized government, they have to vote and donate money to Republican candidates."

"This is the first time in our nation's history that the federal government has taken total control of an industry. It started with healthcare, and now they are trying a governmental takeover of higher education loans and scholarship programs," added Meese. "I can't think of a time where it is so clear that the will of the people is opposed to what Congress is doing."

Meese believes it is a big mistake for the Department of Justice to try terror suspects in the United States in civilian courts. Suspects should be considered enemy combatants and should be tried in military tribunals in Gitmo. "That's one of the reasons it



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was built," said Meese.

Harking back to his days with President Reagan, Meese paraphrased one of the late President's often quoted lines: "The difference between a recession and a depression is that when your neighbor loses his job, it's a recession. When you lose your job, it's a depression. And if you want the economy to recover, you start by electing a new President."

Making a return appearance on "Neal Asbury's Truth for America" was Congressman Kevin Brady, a Deputy Whip for the GOP and serving his seventh term in Congress representing the 8th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Brady made it clear that even though the health-care bill was passed, the Republicans have not stopped fighting against it. They are moving forward to use the courts to repeal parts of the bill, but proposed that the best way to repeal it was at the ballot box.

Brady, like all Republicans, will be headed back to his district for a "blitz of town hall meetings. The message, according to Brady is: "Here are five things about the healthcare bill that you don't know," and will highlight higher drug costs, higher taxes and ways that employees can be dropped from coverage.

There is no doubt, according to Brady, that Nancy Pelosi and her "liberal caucus was the leading proponents of the healthcare bill. They aren't hard-wired to reach across the aisle to engage Republicans."

He is very optimistic that the GOP can win back 40 seats in the House, and points to 1994 when Republicans won back 52 seats.

"We need to get the word out to voters. Your show and others like it, as well as Fox and the Internet, go directly to the people. Voters are really going to like the Republican candidates running for office. It's the greatest class of recruited candidates I have ever seen. They have the right principles and the right messages. But to win they will also need the money," said Brady, who predicted victory if "we can harness the energy I have seen around the country and the continuing strength of the grass roots movement."

As a free trade advocate, Brady equates trade with freedom. "That's what allows America to compete with the world. While the rest of the world is moving quickly to grow their export business, America has benched itself by sitting on three important free trade agreements with Panama, South Korea and Colombia. If we pass these agreements we can create 250,000 new jobs. It's really frustrating to watch unions block these agreements because they are hindering our ability to recover the economy and they are putting businesses in a hole for long time. We need two-way trade so that America competes on a level playing field, in terms of tariffs and fees."

Brady is seeking to turn trade deficits into trade surpluses with the countries with which we trade.

"The ultimate no-cost stimulus package is to take down trade barriers that don't let America compete. Because when America can compete, we win!" concluded Brady.

The Neal Asbury Truth for America Show tackles free trade and enterprise issues every Friday from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on WZAB-AM 880. The show is streamed live on line at [WWW.880THEBIZ.COM](http://WWW.880THEBIZ.COM), which is affiliated with Bloomberg Radio and CNBC, and can be heard on 920-WGKA (Atlanta); KSEV (Houston); 1500 AM (Washington D.C.); 1220-KDOW (San Francisco); and 1300-KKOL (Seattle).



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