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**Congressman Joe Wilson and U.S.-China Business Council President John Frisbie Address Domestic and International Issues**



Joe Wilson

John Frisbie

Participating in his first full length radio interview since his famously shouted "You Lie" remark during President Obama's address to Congress propelled him into the media spotlight, Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC) appeared on the nationally syndicated Neal Asbury Show on WZAB-AM. Congressman Wilson attributed his dramatic vocal response to a "town hall moment," a visceral reaction to what he inherently knew was Obama's misrepresentation of the citizenship immigration policy. Congressman Wilson likened his response to the kind of spontaneous reaction he is seeing during full capacity town hall meetings he is holding in his congressional district.

"I respect President Obama, but we have the right to disagree, especially when he promotes an immigration policy related to health insurance that I knew was meaningless. The proof is

that two days after the joint session, the citizen verification policy was overhauled," said Congressman Wilson, who was elected to the United States Congress in 2001 after serving seventeen years in the South Carolina State Senate. He was grateful that President Obama and other Democratic leaders accepted his apologies, and was particularly grateful that the Republican Conference supported him, as did his staff and constituency.

Congressman Wilson is convinced that the Democrats don't want the American people to understand the issues related to healthcare, and is angry that consumers are being treated as if "they are stupid - which they are not; they're just looking for answers and explanations." He points to the 1700 people that turned up at one of his recent town hall meetings - the most people to attend a town hall meeting in the history of South Carolina.

"At least 95 percent of my constituents support what Republicans are trying to do. Our HR 3400 is a good bill, and a logical alternative to the proposed HR3200 being promoted by the Democrats, which is a Trojan Horse for a government option that would create bizarre rules and regulations likely to be controlled by a 'Health Czar' with the power to interpret these regulations. Our bill really reflects the power and potential of free enterprise," said Congressman Wilson, who outlined

some of the provisions of HR 3400: choice of affordable private options; consumers can keep their current policies; tax incentives will be created for the insured; coverage will be allowed to cross state lines; and the bill will promote tort and medical liability reform.

As an example of why government intervention in private enterprise should be avoided, Congressman Wilson pointed to the Enron debacle, which occurred the year he joined the House. He was astounded to hear peers condemning everyone in business "as a crook." But to the credit of America's free enterprise system, the system worked as it should, shutting down Enron for its fraud, and leading to the dissolution of Arthur Andersen, the CPA firm that oversaw Enron's books.

Congressman Wilson has made it a priority to reveal the underlying policies behind the administration's euphemisms for important bills. For example, he thinks the "Cap and Trade Bill" should be renamed the "Cap and Tax Bill" since he considers it a national energy tax that will double the electric rates for the majority of consumers.



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The Stimulus Bill, according to Congressman Wilson, should be known as the "Borrowing Bill" since it doesn't stimulate anything and fails to reduce taxes or support small business. And the "Free Choice" policy, also known as "card check," is the antithesis of free choice, according to Congressman Wilson.

A 31-year armed forces veteran who works on the Afghanistan Caucus, the Kurdistan Caucus, the Americans Abroad Caucus, and the Victory in Iraq Caucus, Congressman Wilson is deeply involved in the war in Afghanistan and has visited the country nine times. He advocated that the war policy in Afghanistan should be left to the military, since the current military leadership has shown success in Iraq.

"We must succeed in Afghanistan because if we don't, Pakistan will be destabilized, as will other nearby countries. I've met and admire the people in Afghanistan. They do not want to live in the 14th century, but want to enjoy the benefits of being a 21st century country," concluded Congressman Wilson.

Also joining the show was John Frisbie, who has been president of the US-China Business Council (USCBC) since November 2004. The U.S.-China Business Council, Inc. (USCBC) is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of roughly 220 American companies that do business with China. Frisbie has more than 25 years of experience in business and government relations with China, including nearly 10 years liv-

ing and working in Beijing, so he offered a keen perspective on China.

Frisbie noted that despite the worldwide recession, the bright spot for US exporting companies is the success they are having in China. In a recent survey conducted among USCBC members, despite some success, 97 percent recognize that to excel in China they need to get closer to customers. However, Frisbie agreed that China is not an easy place in which to conduct business, beset by an arcane bureaucracy and a baffling system for obtaining business licenses.

"You have to remember that China did not join the World Trade Organization until eight years ago, but that U.S. imports from China are up 350 percent since then. China is the third biggest import market for U.S. companies behind Canada and Mexico," said Frisbie, who admitted that while the import market from China is strong, the number of Chinese companies importing U.S. products into China needs a great deal of improvement.

One of China's trade policies that Frisbie is hoping to change is a value added tax rebate program that gives Chinese exporters a competitive advantage that US companies don't share. He also would like to see the undervalued Yuan strengthen so that the strength of the U.S. dollar improved. Frisbie concurred with the widely held opinion by former Asbury show guests that this is the wrong time for the U.S. to create trade issues with China. This is in reference to the recent flap over the

U.S. hiking tariffs on imports of inexpensive Chinese-made tires, and China imposing reciprocal high tariffs on American goods shipped to China, including chickens

"Let's be clear that the U.S. and China are not engaged in a trade war. The tire tariff situation requires a measured response, and it would not be in the best interest of either country to escalate this issue, especially since face-to-face talks between China and the U.S. are planned," said Frisbie

The Neal Asbury Show tackles free trade and enterprise issues every Friday from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM on WZAB-AM 880, and is co-hosted by Richard Roffman, a veteran 30-year publisher with extensive domestic and international experience. The show is streamed live on line at [WWW.880THE-BIZ.COM](http://WWW.880THE-BIZ.COM), which is affiliated with Bloomberg Radio and CNBC, and can be heard nationally on 920-WGKA (Atlanta); KSEV (Houston); 1500 AM (Washington D.C.); 1220-KDOW (San Francisco); and 1300-KKOL (Seattle).



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