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Pending Healthcare Bill is Unconstitutional Contends Former House Leader Tom DeLay



This week's nationally syndicated The Neal Asbury Show on WZAB-AM was taped at the Republican National Committee Television Studio, with guests that included former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and popular Michigan Republican congressman Mike Rogers (a recent YouTube sensation for his passionate rebuke of the pending healthcare bill).

DeLay, who left Congress in 2006 after representing the 22nd District of Texas through 11 sessions of Congress, contends that the pending healthcare bill is unconstitutional and that it "will destroy our economy." He is greatly concerned that the healthcare bill is taking over 1/6 of the economy, and poses "a dangerous attack on our personal freedoms. We don't need federal healthcare reform - this should be done state-by-state. Let the market set prices, not the federal government," he said. He added that anyone in the administration who claims that the healthcare bill won't raise taxes "is lying."

"America has lost its prestige around the world as a result of Obama's approach to international relations. Our allies want to see a strong America, because when we are strong, we offer security to the rest of the world. Our weakened prestige has led to a weakened dollar, to the point where nations are rejecting the dollar and looking at other world currencies, such as the Euro. This undermines America's power," said DeLay.

DeLay proposes that "America has never had as liberal, as left wing or as radical a Congress as we do right now. I only hope that America wakes up to see what is going on and recognizes that they don't have to buy into Obama's policies despite his popular rhetoric. The tea parties are a start of the growing re-emergence of the Conservative movement, the results of which we'll see in the mid-term elections where the rebuilding of the Republican Party will begin," he said, and added that he does not think that we know today who the Republican candidate will be for the 2012 election, but to win, the Republican Party must adopt some of the coalition building that the Democrats have successfully assembled over the past 10 years.

As an election prognosticator, DeLay showed some skills, scoring two out of three for the recent elections. He correctly predicted Republican victories in New Jersey and Virginia, but like many people, incorrectly assumed that a strong conservative candidate would prevail in New York's 23rd District, which was won by a Democrat, despite some strong politicking by nationally recognized conservative Republican representatives.

No conversation with DeLay would be complete without a reference to his recent appearance on "Dancing with the Stars" where he

was paired with professional dance partner Cheryl Burke. He credited her with making him look good and said he had a great time. But he had to withdraw due to foot problems.

Joining the show was Congressman Mike Rogers (R-MI) who represents Michigan's 8th District and whose YouTube clip has been viewed by more than 6.2 million viewers, continued his skeptical assessment of the Obama healthcare plan. Like Tom DeLay, Congressman Rogers is deeply troubled by the proposed healthcare plan.

"This proposed healthcare plan is an unprecedented reach into our personal liberties and into the doctor/patient relationship. Consumers will lose their healthcare choices. Instead, healthcare in the U.S. will be rationed. Do we really want bureaucrats making medical decisions about our care?" asked Congressman Rogers.

His passion for healthcare is traceable back to his childhood when as a healthy 19-year-old athlete he discovered blood in his urine. At this age, most doctors would have dismissed the condition as a result of his football playing and sent him home. However, his doctor, who treated him since he was youngster, didn't like what she saw and sent him for tests. It turned out that he had bladder cancer, and according to Congressman Rogers if it had not been diag-



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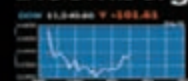
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nosed and treated, "I wouldn't be here today. That patient/doctor relationship meant all the difference."

So he finds it deeply disturbing that the new plan calls for "best practices" which uses medical data to determine whether additional tests and treatments are necessary. If the data doesn't support more testing, payment for care will be denied. "I don't want some one to be denied medical treatment because a bureaucrat doesn't think more care is required."

"We all know that the healthcare bill will raise taxes for everyone. Why would we punish the 85 percent of consumers that have earned healthcare coverage or are covered by an employer with higher rates, to pay for the 15 percent without insurance? I can't think of any business that would make a decision like this," said Congressman Rogers.

Like most Republicans, Congressman Rogers is adamantly against Cap and Trade, which he says "is an assault on private industry that will raise every American's electric bill." He characterizes the bill as a "job killer, which will give a competitive advantage to the big polluting countries like India and China that have no intention of spending money to reduce carbon emissions. Instead, with the money they save, they can reduce prices and create more local jobs. Let's not punish American companies who want to set up shop in America and create jobs here by adding additional taxes and fees. It will make the U.S. less competitive around the world," he noted, and added that "It will simply reward those U.S. companies that set up business overseas."

Congressman Rogers, an entrepreneur himself, warns that America loses if we don't support this country's entrepreneurial spirit – the greatest force for good in this economy. "When entrepreneurs are willing to take the risk and win, we all win. We all need to be proud of our

country and support each other. No generation of Americans want America to lose its leadership position as the Number One nation in the world. Instead of this new philosophy of trying to make friends with everyone, we should be trying to gain their respect. Ask yourself: Would you rather be liked or respected?"

Host Neal Asbury complimented Congressman Rogers for his strong condemnation of China for manipulating its currency –an issue that has resonated on The Neal Asbury Show. By manipulating its currency, China can undersell almost any American company, which gives its manufacturers a huge competitive advantage.

Congressman Rogers has pressed this point to the treasury secretaries serving both the Bush and Obama administrations, but to no avail. The roadblock? Since China has bought so much of America's debt (around \$2 trillion), the U.S. can't risk China taking punitive measures. That gives China unprecedented power over the U.S., which ultimately will result in the loss of U.S. middle class jobs each year that China is free to create artificial markets.

Adding an historical note, Congressman Rogers reminded the audience that at one time, America was the largest holder of British debt, and held sway over the British Empire (much like the way that China ignores admonitions from America over its cheating). The upshot is that America leveraged its debt ownership to force the British to cede ownership of the Suez Canal to America. He warns that in the future the Chinese may want to leverage their advantage against the U.S. with some potentially devastating demands.

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

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