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## Made in America Panel Optimistic that Federal Budget will finally be Approved

Host Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates) by welcoming listeners from new affiliate KRMS-AM/FM, Osage Beach, Missouri.

Neal is still amazed that his liberal friends continue to bemoan Hillary losing the election and their ongoing assertions that Trump will not serve out his term as president.

"Get over it. The economy is soaring, jobs are being created and people will be taking home more money in their paychecks," proposed Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding "there is so much optimism around the country. The Dow has passed 25,000 and the stock market has gained 29 percent. It's astounding that people still want to impeach Trump."

The first guest on Made in America was Dan Gainer, from the Media Research Center, who shared the frustration expressed by Neal and Dr. Roffman regarding the mainstream media's failure to acknowledge Trump's accomplishments as president.

"When the New York Times recently published a piece about the impact of Trump cutting regulations, few newspapers followed suit. They would rather talk about the Wolff book. Let's face it. Trump's superpower is the media. Through his tweets, he forces the media to talk about the things he wants to talk about," according to Gainer.

Dr. Roffman agreed, sharing common concerns that as the president moves forward with his policies, people aren't able to evaluate his successes because the media won't cover it. But Dr. Roffman predicted that as the average American starts seeing more money in their paycheck, they will come to appreciate Trump's achievements.

"You have people like Paul Krugman who completely miscalculated the economy, but many media outlets ran with his projections. Now as the economy goes great guns, the media can't continue to bad mouth Trump's policies. And when 80 percent of Americans start seeing a tax cut, they will ignore negative media coverage," predicted Gainer.

Neal concurred, noting that companies are not only reinvesting in their operations, but giving their employees bonuses. And Dr. Roffman reminded listeners that the stock market is experiencing the fastest growing rise in history.

"Meanwhile, union leaders are forced to explain to their members why their pension funds

are getting richer at a time when union leaders are castigating Trump and voting for Democrats. Members are starting to see through their union leaders," suggested Dr. Roffman.

Neal added that the improving economy will make it harder for Democrats to visit their states and explain why Obama failed to grow the economy, while it took Trump's election to restore the economy and create jobs.

The next guest on Made in America was Rich Galen from Mullings.com, who believes that the budget will continue to take some time to get passed. But first congress has to tackle appropriations before a budget can be set.

"Over the past decade and-a-half, congress relied on the Omnibus Bill as a place where they can dump all their pet projects for funding. A budget requires program-by-program evaluation. But congress still has to find the money to fund projects. This gets tricky considering \$1.5 trillion in new deficits and another \$1 trillion for infrastructure spending. This will require Republicans to grapple with growing deficits. And states will be setting their own budgets, based on the money they get at the federal level. This takes place between December and August," according to Galen.

The final guest on Made in America was Merrill Matthews from the Institute for Policy Innovation, who believes Trump's number one accomplishment in 2017 was the biggest tax reform in 30 years — and given the corporate tax changes, one could argue that the new legislation is even more pro-growth than Ronald Reagan's 1986 reform. It's unlikely that any 2018 legislation would actually top tax reform, but it could be made better.

"Trump has had some amazing achievements in his first term, most of which have not been covered by the media. In 2018, I'd like to see him get some 140-150 federal judges approved to fill many open judicial slots. His successful nomination of Neal Gorsuch was huge," noted Matthews.

Dr. Roffman would like to see the infrastructure plan get funding in 2018, which will create thousands of good paying jobs.

Neal would like to see immigration reform get fixed, and expand the pool of vetted and qualified immigrants able to contribute to U.S. innovation.

Neal and Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion of Jeff Sessions' return to center stage, when he reminded Americans that despite the growth of the marijuana industry, it is still a federal crime to grow and market the drug.

"I don't care about this issue one way or the other, other than to agree with Sessions that a

federal law "trumps" any state laws. The law must be enforced. That goes for sanctuary cities, too," maintained Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, reminding listeners that CNN flaunted the law on their New Year's Eve broadcast when an anchor actually took hits off a bong.

Each week Neal Asbury's Made in America provides Neal's insights into the week's top news stories and their impact on the worlds of entrepreneurship, small business ownership and the overall economy. Neal's analysis, together with co-host Dr. Richard Roffman, a veteran 30-year publisher with extensive domestic and international experience, takes a non-biased approach based on real life experience in business as an American manufacturer and exporter. Made in America airs nationally each Saturday from 7-8:00 PM on Radio America. Link to Made in America at <http://www.nealasburysmadeinamerica.com>.



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