



Made in America Panel Predicts that Gorsuch Supreme Court Confirmation will Help Spur Small Business Growth

Host Neal Asbury, together with co-host Dr. Rich Roffman, opened their nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates) by expressing admiration for Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, who weathered a barrage of attacks by Democrats.

"The Democrats will never be happy. They have become pure obstructionists. They are throwing their weight around like they won the election, even going out of their way to block the nomination of an excellent, qualified jurist," according to Dr. Roffman.

The first guest on Made in America was John Malcolm from the Heritage Foundation, who is also the Director of the Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies and the Ed Gilbertson and Sherry Lindberg Gilbertson Senior Legal Fellow.

"Judge Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, will be a worthy heir to the man he will replace: Justice Antonin Scalia. He did a superb job during the nomination process and has shown amazing stamina. He is a distinguished and composed jurist, and deserves to be confirmed," noted Malcolm, who added that Gorsuch will follow the statutes and not reinterpret law.

Dr. Roffman expressed concern that the Democrats will use the filibuster and try to block Gorsuch's nomination.

Malcolm believes it could happen, but reminded listeners that it was a Democrat, Harry Reid, who first used the filibuster maneuver, known today as the nuclear option, to pass a nomination with a lower number of supporting members.

"The filibuster has only been employed four times for a Supreme Court nomination, and it has only worked once. The Democrats are still as mad as hornets that their Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, never got a hearing. They really thought that Hillary would be president, and that Garland's nomination wouldn't be an issue," noted Malcolm.

Neal expressed hope that Gorsuch would join the Supreme Court where he could start overturning overreaching laws that have stifled small business growth.

"He will be such a breath of fresh air for entrepreneurs. And workers will love him. If had been on the Supreme Court he would have ruled against the ability of California's public unions to take dues out of the workers' paychecks

without their approval. And the money from their wallets goes right back to the Democrats, even if the worker doesn't agree with their direction," suggested Neal.

Dr. Roffman agreed, adding that Gorsuch is an originalist, who won't reinterpret the constitution.

The discussion turned to the sad news that Sears, once the largest retailer in the country, could be facing bankruptcy, followed by Payless Shoes.

"Retailing has changed enormously over the years. In fact, I read that Amazon is going to kill more American jobs than China. They are a \$167 billion company that uses technologies that replace human workers. It's part of the growing trend of people buying products on the internet -- not in malls or brick and mortar stores," proposed Dr. Roffman.

Neal noted that it harkens back to the days when Walmart put small local stores out of business due to their lower prices and expanded merchandise choices.

The next guest on Made in America was Grace-Marie Turner, from the Galen Institute, who is concerned that the American Health Care Act is taking fire from all sides, "not the least from the circular firing squad conservatives have formed, threatening passage of the only piece of repeal and replace legislation that House leaders say will be presented to members for a vote this year."

She is unhappy that the Congressional Budget Office impacted the approval of the American Healthcare Act when media announced that its cost and coverage in 2018 would result in 14 million more people who would be uninsured under the legislation (not mentioning that the lower number reflects the removal of an IRS threat if you don't buy insurance). This has caused conservatives to walk away from the bill. "They are shooting themselves in the foot."

"The 14 million figure is misleading. The problem was in the coverage estimates: CBO estimates that "Most of the increase would stem from repealing the penalties associated with the individual mandate. The CBO has consistently overestimated the impact of the bill. That's making all the news even though the bill would reduce federal deficits by \$337 billion over the next 10 years, including a \$1.2 trillion tax cut to the American economy," proposed Turner, who is not optimistic that Democrats will approve this version of the bill.

The final guest on Made in America was Ray Keating from the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Council, who proposed that none of the promises of Obamacare have been delivered for entrepreneurs, small business owners and their employees.

"Rather than bring lower costs and more coverage choices, the exact opposite has occurred. Small business owners and their employees are getting limited coverage options and less access and, in many cases, paying much more money for that raw deal. Obamacare is unsustainable and we applaud the GOP leadership, other GOP House members and President Trump who worked hard to find a compromise in order provide relief and affordability for small businesses and their workforce. The core pieces of the bill were very important to small businesses and entrepreneurs; that is removing expensive and misguided taxes and mandates, providing relief from ever-increasing costs and compliance, while adding smart measures and reforms to improve coverage options with appropriate incentives," according to Keating.

Neal applauded Keating's take on the bill, and is hopeful that Republicans will replace and repeal Obamacare and not just introduce a Republican version of the Act.

Dr. Roffman segued to a story in Illinois where state representatives refused to make former president Obama's birthday a state holiday.

"It only lost by six votes. You have to wonder what went on behind the scenes," concluded Dr. Roffman.

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