



## Made in America Panel Confident that the Federal Budget will Get Passed in Time to Avoid a Government Shutdown

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 expressing sheer optimism over the progress being made to pass tax reform. Neal predicted that tax reform will reinvigorate the nation's entrepreneurs and expand access to money and financing.

The first guest on Made in America was Romina Boccia, a leading fiscal and economic expert at The Heritage Foundation, who focuses on government spending and the national debt. She is expecting congress to "kick the can down the road" when it comes to the federal budget.

"I think they will get this done by December 22 before the Christmas break. Nobody wants to see the government shut down, and as a reminder, even when the government has shut down, most parts of the government are still funded. Republicans really need Democrats in the senate to support the new budget. Pelosi and Schumer signed on to the budget in March when they met with Trump, so if they are still on board, Democrats will support this since they vote as a bloc," suggested Boccia.

Neal wanted to know if Democrats will support the tax bill.

Boccia proposed that some Democrats may sign onto it, but Republicans really don't need Democratic votes to pass tax reform.

"Tax reform should really be bi-partisan. It gives Democrats many of the things they wanted, especially tax cuts to the middle class and asking upper income Americans to pay higher taxes. Tax reform will really make America competitive again and it makes all kinds of sense for Democrats to support tax reform," proposed Boccia.

Dr. Roffman questioned whether Democrats will be able to return to their constituents and tell them that they voted against giving them more money to spend while lowering their taxes.

Neal is confident that tax reform will cause a flood of American companies to move their manufacturing operations back to America, just as Neal did when he operated manufacturing facilities in Asia to supply kitchen equipment for Asian-based McDonald's restaurants, and then later re-shored back to America.

"This is an historical time and moment for America. This is a far cry from the delusional policies passed during the Obama administration. GDP is at 3.3 percent. Optimism is back and people are feeling good about the economy. Under Obama, America was practicing Torquemada

economics – torture businesses with onerous taxes and regulations, and then blame them for the economy," suggested Dr. Roffman.

The next guest on Made in America was Brian Kilmeade, a "Fox & Friends" host and author of "Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans: The Battle That Shaped America's Destiny."

Kilmeade contends that Andrew Jackson's legacy is underappreciated, and his victory in New Orleans during the War of 1812 probably saved the nation from remaining a British territory. He writes:

"The War of 1812 saw America threatened on every side. The British, alongside Indian tribes, attacked settlers in the West, while the Royal Navy terrorized the coasts. By mid-1814, President James Madison's generals had lost control of the war in the North, losing battles in Canada. Then British troops set the White House ablaze, and a feeling of hopelessness spread across the country. Into this dire situation stepped Major General Andrew Jackson, a native of Tennessee who had witnessed the horrors of the Revolutionary War and Indian attacks. He realized that if the British conquered New Orleans, they would control the mouth of the Mississippi River, cutting Americans from that essential trade route and threatening the previous decade's Louisiana Purchase. The new nation's dreams of western expansion would be crushed before they really got off the ground. Jackson defeated the British with an undermanned, make-shift army," according to Kilmeade.

Kilmeade is concerned that Andrew Jackson's image has been tarnished by people who judge his accomplishments based on current attitudes instead what was actually happening at that time. Kilmeade characterizes it as "a war on history."

Neal and Dr. Roffman returned to a discussion of tax reform, with Neal anticipating that tax reform debates will continue, but in the end it will let America's corporate tax rate be consistent with tax rates around the world.

"It's unheard of that we can't compete with other nations. We are the world's leader in innovation and commerce," noted Neal.

Dr. Roffman, who uncovers under-reported stories, found an organization – Women to Look Up To– that is offering a Christmas tree-topper depicting Hillary Clinton as an angel. "In what universe is Hillary Clinton an angel?" asked Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman also cited a story in which a descendent of Pocahontas took exception to people who castigated Trump's use of Pocahontas

to describe Elizabeth Warren.

And finally, a theater goer who brought her service dog to a production of Cats, was unable to restrain her dog from bounding up on the stage to bark at the performers in "cat" costumes. "Service or not—dogs will be dogs!"

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.nealasalburymadeinamerica.com>.



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