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## Made in America Panel Applauds America's Growing Preference for U.S. Made Products

Neal Asbury began his nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (now on 46 stations), with his endorsement of the bi-partisan support for the new proposed federal budget.

"It's a good idea that the Republican Party is not perceived this time as the impediment to a budget deal. The government shutdown was a black eye for the GOP so we can't afford to be blamed again. Republicans should be turning their attention to the failure of Obamacare and lack of jobs as an election emphasis," proposed Neal.

Co-host Dr. Rich Roffman agreed, adding that the GOP has a good chance of gaining a majority in both the House and Senate as Obamacare continues to fail.

Made in America welcomed Vince Coglianesse, managing editor of The Daily Caller, who agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman that while the budget compromise proposal will be equally uncomfortable for both Democrats and Republicans, it should be ratified.

NOTE: THIS SHOW WAS TAPED PRIOR TO THE BUDGET BEING FORMALLY APPROVED.

"Republicans are seeing that sequestration didn't really have the disastrous impact everyone feared, and that tax cuts are off the table, so they should be pressing ahead attacking Obamacare. Although some GOP members are unhappy with Speaker John Boehner, the GOP stood firm on their budget request, and for the long-term is setting up the Republicans to win next year," said Coglianesse.

Coglianesse warned that the Democrats will engage in demagoguery when it comes to immigration, because it energizes the Democrat's support base while putting the GOP in a negative light. He advised Republicans to address immigration on a step-by-

step basis, beginning with a call for more border security.

"Big business will continue to support the Democratic approach to immigration because they want more low wage workers. This is an issue that does not favor Republicans. They should be making Obamacare the conversation next year, which will embolden Republicans while causing Democrats to run from it," added Coglianesse.

Neal Asbury and co-host Dr. Roffman segued to a discussion about troubling trends on Capitol Hill that should worry taxpayers.

"Taxpayers took a \$10 billion haircut on the GM loan, and while the White House claims it was about saving jobs, it was really about saving union executive salaries and union pensions," said Neal.

Dr. Roffman turned the conversation to Obamacare, which by every yardstick, is a disaster.

"It cost the State of Oregon \$300 million to sign up 44 people. The enrollment is such a disaster that insurance companies are getting just a small percentage of the claims on-line. Instead one in five enrollments is taking place on paper, which means that insurers will be shifting through millions of written applications. Can you imagine how that will go?" asked Dr. Roffman.

Neal related that to date, it costs \$14,000 to enroll each Obamacare applicant.

Returning to "Made in America" was David Bego, president and CEO of EMS, and author of "Devil at my Doorstep," who weighed in on the recent Service Employees International Union (SEIU) initiatives at fast food restaurants, an area where he gained firsthand experience on SEIU tactics while waging war with Andy Stern and the SEIU from late 2006 until the present.

"The SEIU is trying to defame and humiliate businesses in the public eye to force them to sign neutrality agreements so that the union can move in and sign up employees. Unions don't care about their workers – they are only interested in giving union leaders more money and gaining more union dues. When you look at the people picketing at fast food restaurants, they aren't employees, they are paid by unions to chant and picket," said Bego.

Neal recounted an interview with a single mother with five children who complained that her fast food job didn't support her family. Neal noted that fast food jobs were never intended to support a family, but were designed to give people some work experience to move onto another job.

Bego agreed, adding that unions are actually discouraging workers from looking for better paying jobs, and that by increasing the minimum wage, they are encouraging employers to hire more undocumented workers and paying them lower wages under the table, which in the long run, lowers the wages for other workers.

In introducing final guest Lawson Nickol, president of All American Clothing, Neal noted that Americans are waking up to the benefits of buying American-made products, and the jobs that they create. Nickol produces American-made jeans and other clothing, which many people think is impossible for U.S. manufacturers – but Nickol is proving them wrong.

"Our products are sourced or assembled in Ohio, Texas, California and Kentucky, which creates 400 affiliated jobs. We have found that more and more people feel better when they buy American-made products," said Nickol, who through a unique electronic tagging system can trace products from the field, to the gin, to the mill to the site where they are cut and sewed.



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Neal and Dr. Roffman concluded the show by returning to the exploration of cronyism and its resulting waste of taxpayer dollars.

"We talked about the \$150 million that HHS was giving out to cronies to enroll people in Obamacare. But now they have given out another \$58 million, mostly again to unions and former SEIU and ACORN members who support the president," noted Dr. Roffman.

Dr. Roffman pointed to another act of cronyism, this time a \$224,000 grant to San Diego State University, with close ties to the White House. The money is being used to identify better ways for children to order food at fast food restaurants – something that to-date hasn't been a problem.

And finally, Dr. Roffman wondered why Google is getting \$5.3 million to pay for the fuel for their private jet. Google, of course, is a White House darling.

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.

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