



Made in America Urges Congress to Release PPP Funds to Save Small Businesses

All eyes are on Georgia where two senate seats are up for grabs, which could impact the senate majority; ACA looks like it will survive, after Supreme Court left it mostly in place; the Left's fearmongering put pre-existing conditions at the forefront of healthcare discussions, helping to sway votes to Democrats; it is curious how so many absentee votes changed voting totals in several states; Congress must authorize a second round of PPP payments to save small businesses; a COVID-19 lockdown would be disastrous for the economy; despite the pandemic, job numbers are improving; the nation is waiting for a national vaccine program to begin, were among the topics discussed by Neal Asbury and Dr. Rich Roffman on the nationally syndicated "Neal Asbury's Made in America" show on Radio America (aired by almost 100 affiliates and globally on the Armed Forces Network).

The first guest on Made in America was Dr. Thomas E. Price, who served as the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 6th Congressional District from northern suburban Atlanta 2005-2017. He is an orthopedic surgeon, who most recently served as the 23rd Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"It's hard to read the tea leaves when it comes to predicting the future of ACA, but the Supreme Court seems to be signaling that even without the mandate, the ACA will remain largely intact. A decision will likely be made in June," according to Dr. Price.

Neal wondered if the Democrats' claim that Republicans would end coverage of pre-existing conditions, impacted the election.

"The Left's fearmongering that Republicans would end coverage of pre-existing conditions did sway many voters

to reject Trump. Despite a campaign by Republicans to deny that they had plans to end coverage, it didn't register with most voters. And if we lose the majority in the senate, the government will manage healthcare, which will result in higher prices and less coverage," maintained Dr. Price

Dr. Price agreed with Neal and Dr. Roffman that all hands are required on deck to ensure that the two Georgia senate seats will remain in Republican hands so the senate can maintain its majority.

"It sends chills to hear Democrat Chuck Schumer proclaim that if Dems win back the senate, we can change the country," noted Dr. Roffman, who added that it is hard to overlook that all of the absentee votes coming into Georgia were for Biden.

The next guest on Made in America was Alfredo Ortiz, President of the Job Creators Network, who wants to see the PPP program get reauthorized to help all of the small businesses that are in danger of going out of business.

"Over 70% of New York City eateries will be out of business soon if they don't get any financial help. And vendors will stop extending credit for food and supplies. And if the lockdown is reinstated, 7 million small businesses will no longer exist," predicted Ortiz.

Dr. Roffman is skeptical that Biden actually has a plan that can fight the virus. "His previous track record fighting previous viruses, H1N1 and Ebola, wasn't that great."

"The PPP was especially important to my business. Now Nancy Pelosi is looking to spend \$2 trillion, which will not go well with Republicans. And there is still \$400 billion from the first disbursement that remains unspent. We've got to get

money out there again to save small businesses," proposed Neal, who runs several manufacturing companies.

Ortiz believes that the if the new PPP program returns, it will be easier for past recipients and new businesses to obtain funds without completing long, complicated forms.

Dr. Roffman noted that despite the pandemic, the jobs picture continues to improve, but things could get worse as the second wave of the virus appears to be forthcoming. "The only good COVID-19 news is that we have better therapeutics than when the virus first appeared, so death rates are going down. And with the vaccine coming soon, things could get back to normal."

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