



JOE RAND WANTS BILL WEBER'S SENATE SEAT – PART 3

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Even with all of the loopholes in the tax codes, there are more business regulations in NYS than you can shake a stick at. These regulations are one of the things outside of the massive taxes in NYS that are causing businesses to flee from NY and go to greener pastures in low tax states. This causes the loss of jobs and lots of tax revenues. This also has a major effect on the economy. Rand feels that we should be closing them if we, but unfortunately he thinks the trend right now federally is to go the other way and provide more loopholes and exempt more income, and we really shouldn't be doing that because they're going to run the deficit up and it is going to be beyond imagination this year.

The reason for that, and I'm not saying I agree or disagree, the reason for it is that they feel if you know reduce the taxes on businesses, there'll be more investment and more jobs for people, and they'll get more taxes from people getting more jobs.

Rand disagrees, "Yeah, that's not the way that's not the way any of that works. I'm just going to tell you that that top-down stuff, that trickle down stuff, it never works. Nothing grows from the top down. You want to create more jobs? Create demand. You want to create demand, give tax cuts to the people making under \$50,000 a year."

Let's look at the economy, which is what we're dealing with from the taxes down to the economy. Business regulations. New York regulates everything up to everything including how many vending machines you can have in your shop there. It's not that bad, but you understand what I'm saying. Everything's regulated from top to bottom. That's another reason a lot of businesses don't stay in New York because there's too many regulations, we, too much red tape to go through and that hurts the economy of the state because it pulls jobs out. It pulls businesses out that cover tax bases, getting back to the, right back around to the taxes, that cover tax bases that could reduce taxes for the average New Yorker. Do you have any plans to help keep businesses here?

I mean, again, with the regulation and everything else that that are there.

"I am with you 100% on reducing red tape regulations on business enterprises, including licensing regulations. We have, if you were to go look to see how many occupations in New York State require licensing, you'd be amazed. You'd say that person has to be licensed? They have to go through all this licensing training and education and maintain it and continuing education, and they have to do fill out forms."

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When I did a refi on my house, I got writer's cramp from signing my name and all the... it was a stack of papers, literally. I mean, a major league stack of papers. I understand where you're coming from on that.

"So, I agree with you. Reduce regulation, make businesses easier to follow and easier to start, easier to manage. Keep the regulations that are absolutely necessary to protect public safety and public health. That'll help the economy by getting more businesses in, taking up tax bases and hiring more people.

Let's look at the sanctuary policy, and the illegal immigration.

We've got, illegal immigrants here in New York that are being protected from being, given to ICE, all these ICE protests and stuff. People scream, "Oh, they, OK, they're here, they didn't break any laws." No, they broke the first law coming into the country without following proper procedures. That's a crime right there, OK? But they're protecting the people they say that the people are complaining about, oh, the, the ICE going in and terrorizing communities and putting fear in communities. If the state would get out of the way and let them take these people when they're arrested right out of the jail, they wouldn't have to go into the communities to look for them. Why have sanctuary policies that protect people who are, who we know are hurting people, American citizens, I mean look how many American citizens being killed by illegals that are here that are criminals that were that were arrested numerous times and released and protected under the sanctuary policy.

"A couple of clarifications. One, if you look at any, any reliable study that's out there, undocumented immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than native born American citizens. So yes, in a country of. 350 million people, however many people are here, and with the number of immigrants that have come in both legally and who are who might have come in legally but are now undocumented and are here past their allowed date. Yeah, I mean some of them are going to commit crimes and it's horrible and it breaks your heart and there's not one person on my side of this argument whose heart does not go out to people who have been victims of crimes, of people who are undocumented. I stipulate to that absolutely, positively."

"Now let me ask you a question. Cause I'm going to take issue a little bit with your premise about this, but I, let's stipulate a couple of things.

The past year it's been zero.

"I doubt it's been 0. That's what they say. I doubt very much it's been 0 but it's gone down. They've done a better job. It's the one thing that I think that it's one of the few things that President Trump has done well, which is that he did put controls on the border. Now that's his signature issue. So, something he cared a lot about, but I happen to agree with him that in order for us to have an orderly society and quite honestly from a pure political standpoint, we can't have chaos at the border. All right, now realize most people who are here illegally did not cross illegally. Most people here illegally came legally, and they have since become undocumented. That's absolutely that's a bigger problem."

Rand has a hypothesis Let's say that we created a federal task force to go after a particular aspect of criminal enforcement. Do we want, let's say it had to do with trafficking, would we want that taskforce to be busting people for drug trafficking? Let's say do we want that taskforce to be out there busting people downtown, in The village, the West Village of New York City, do we want them busting people selling dime bags of pot? Do we want the SWAT team coming out and arresting them? Do we want to be going after low level offenders of people that are not a threat to anybody else, or do we want them going after kingpins? Do we want them going after violent offenders? Do we want them going after the people that are the most menacing?

I try to answer your questions, but don't you agree with me that our priority should be going after if there's a drug trafficking task force, they should be going after the big fish.

Yes, but the thing is, when you're talking big fish, let's say you got a guy who they know is here illegally, was committing murders, committing crimes and stuff. He was arrested in New York State. Now he's been released back into the community. That's why they go into the community, and that's how these other people get swept up in these searches, because they find that the person, let's say you committed the crime. They're coming looking for you. If they got you right out of the jail, they don't have to go into the community, but we let them out and then you go then ICE gets well we don't want you in our communities. Well then stop letting these people into the communities.

“You're saying this person committed a violent crime and then was immediately let out...”

Not immediately, but was, was eventually let out, especially with the New York, with the no bail laws. These people are let out back into the communities and now they have to go searching for them in the community, and that's how you end up with these people who only came across illegal, have not committed any other crimes being swept up. You're coming too, because they're looking for that kingpin that you're talking about. You get the kingpin...

“I don't know if that's actually true... I think that what they do, obviously my analogy, my hypothetical was to go with the fact that I think ICE, there's so many things wrong with ICE that I don't have time to get into every one of them, but one of the things that's wrong with it is that they've given them a quota of numbers of people to pick up, not. Here's your most wanted list. Go after the most wanted list. Get those people. They're just trying to get numbers, and the way they get numbers is they hang out at Home Depot, and they go wait outside schools and they target people coming, coming to the court hearings to get their green card, they're going in and getting them there. That to me is offensive and immoral.

I'll get somewhere if they're just loitering just to use a word, to grab people because they're coming in, you know, regardless that are, that are trying to do things legally, you're right. I'll grant you that one. My biggest problem with this is when they arrest somebody who's committed a violent crime who's here illegally. They don't give them to ICE to deport them. They let them back in the community, and it is true. No, it is true because the sanctuary policies.

“In New York State that that the that's not what happens right now. There was an attempt to make an ICE cooperation bill in Rockland County, and it failed. It didn't happen. It's the same bill as in Westchester. Has Westchester County been overrun by immigrants? Is Westchester County some sort of lawless, chaos, wasteland? Westchester County is very nice. Westchester County has the same law that was proposed here in Rockland County. Here's the thing, Westchester County is just fine.”

During that press conference that Beth Davidson had, OK, she was talking about the non-cooperating with ICE.

“It did not apply to criminal investigations.”

They allowed cooperation for criminal investigations, but it was still saying that they needed a federal warrant to arrest them. Even if they committed a state crime.

Rand admitted he did not know about this because he was not at the press conference. “All right, I forgive me one thing that it was not my bill. I support generally the idea of trying to reduce the impact that ICE is having because I think ICE is a very poorly constructed right now and poorly aimed. Maybe it is, it's a hammer going after a nail that's... that's debatable on both sides. We can debate it.

“What I feel is that do I want ICE going after dangerous criminals? Absolutely, 100%. Anybody who's committed a violent crime, I want them deported. Anybody who's committed a violent crime, and if they've committed nonviolent crimes, but they've committed crimes that are serious enough, I think they should get deported. That focus and they're deporting people that are contributing to our society that are harmless, that are from all intents and purposes innocent other than the fact that they were here and they maybe they came here without being without having legal right to be here or they stayed past their welcome. In any way, they're undocumented. I don't like calling people illegal, but they're undocumented. They're not properly documented to be here. I think there should be a way for us to deal with them. That does not require us to kick them out of the country if they are... Amnesty is a dirty word, but Ronald Reagan proposed it, an amnesty, the idea of saying to people, well, if you're here and you've been here and you are willing to pay your way into the country, you're willing to wait and get legal status. You're not going to get citizenship, but you get legal status. I think we should be doing that.

He says that we should be focusing on getting rid of the violent people and the people who are committing crimes, get rid of them, and not just running nets that we're getting up gardeners and that people are afraid and they shouldn't be afraid of their government, right?

But if the state would allow ICE to get them right out of jail, then they wouldn't have to go into the communities to search for them, and that's what's creating the fear in because there's ICE has to go into the community to look for the people who committed the crimes.

“I think that, and we think they should be focusing on violent criminals as opposed to just picking up anybody who might be here, like I said, if the state would cooperate more, you think that they're not doing that.”

At every level of the government needs to cooperate with every other level.

“Fair enough to get things done efficiently without having to go into communities to look for these people.

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