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Now, you cannot tell me for one moment that these county commissioners did not know about this. If they did not know about this, that only qualifies what I've been saying. There is no forward planning. Yeah, because the DOT definitely knew about it. Absolutely. If you don't do 10 miles of four-lane highway in a seven-year plan, that's 10, 15 years out. Yeah, it was clear. All right. So, we're going to get into it, and I believe on the first topic, Reuben's going to step out or just sit here and look at me with a blank stare. But obviously, I was actually there, and when we recorded the last episode, it was before I left, right? I think that was what happened. Yeah, yeah. So, I was at the courthouse on the new hearing, and I'll be writing about it as soon as I can slow down enough to write about it. That was the 16th of January, I think. Yeah, and the DA, Mike Harden, and the attorney firm for the school board went into their hearing, which had been sent back since October, and it kept being pushed back and pushed back for whatever reasons. The last two reasons, I understand, because the judge, at one point, well, the DA found he wanted to see more, and then the lawyer said that, well, first of all, they didn't realize it was a criminal matter, and that some of the stuff he was looking for was protected client privilege. Yeah, and I wrote it, and if you want to see that, hokemediagroup.com, there's a shameless plug, but this time, they were going to hear about putting the records into camera view, and it was a new judge, so that's another thing you have to deal with in the courts. You know, the district court, right? They rotate. Yep, they rotate. So you may get a new one. But this guy was pretty sharp. He was on top of things. He seemed like he knew exactly, he read it really well. Do you remember what his name was? Is he running for re-election? I don't know. That don't matter. Go on. Anyway, I do have his name, and if I had my other notebook, we would have it. So, it was a shocker that at the hearing, sitting there, not a shocker, but I think we sorted the last meeting, the DA sort of hinted around the SBI. He had an agent with him at the other hearing. Right. Well, this time he told them, we just got a search warrant signed by a judge this morning. So the morning of. So it wasn't the same judge hearing the hearing. No. Okay. Another judge. And that's probably a law thing that, you know, and Ruben, he's going to be quiet, so I'll keep moving. So they got served right after the court hearing. And it was, you know, made the local paper, and, you know, it's been, but I, you know, I was gone for a few days, but honestly, I haven't had a lot of people say anything to me about it or ask a question about it. Well, let's make a correction real quick, okay? It's not they got served. Yeah, yeah. The board got served. The board got served. The incorporation of Hogue County Board of Education. And I think, like someone has said before, that a lot of people and, you know, when you see a headline or when you see a writing of this, that and the other, that's that person's interpretation or viewpoint. And when I said, when I just said the board, they, you know, some people are going to take that as, well, the five board members got sued or got served. Yeah, no, that's not correct. And the entity, the public entity. The public entity of the Hogue County School Board was issued a search warrant. And so I have been asking people I know, and this is not the first time Hogue County has been served, quote, unquote, served. Some of our departments, yeah, our boards. Well, the county. Yeah. Human Resources. Yeah. I believe and I think I was working there. Yeah. 18. I left 18. So I was still there and doing sports and advertising. And 17. It was around that time. I know it was in the late 20s. No, it was 17, I think. Yeah. I mean, it was in 2000, late 2000. Right. 2017. And the FBI went in with, you know, five or six, seven, eight or whatever people I was working that day or just left. And they come out with some computers and stuff. So did y'all get a heads up? No, I didn't. I didn't. Nobody got a picture? I wasn't. I'm not. I was not the reporter. Oh. You know what I'm saying? I'm the ad guy. Yeah. And the sports guy. But this time, from what I'm understanding, they just were handed some papers and they



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were handed the search warrant. So the superintendent received the search warrant. Right. And they said, we'll be back later. I don't know. Call us when you're ready. Well, that's what people are talking about. I mean, I don't know. I'm no law enforcement guy and no detective. And I think. Yeah. Yeah. From outward appearances, it seems different. Than the last time. Right. Than the last time. Right. And the last time they were talking, I remember how much money it was during the human resources thing. I don't remember. My guess is, was it more than. No, it was tens of thousands. Okay. Okay. So about the same ballpark. Yeah. About the same area. So, I mean, there's a little clarification needs to be made there, but I mean, it is an investigation that's going on, but people just need to pay attention and be aware of it. Listen to the show, read your newspaper, and you can too, can find out what you need to. But I like to ask people that are like in the field or have. Well, you know those people that do. Yeah. Yeah. And so, you know, anyway. Search warrant, over, done. And then this past week, if you check out the Hoek edition of the North State Journal, there was discussions on raises or salaries increases, salaries and bonuses again. And right off the bat, I think it was custodial staff, non-certified staff, bookkeepers, and receptionists. What are those, uncertified or certified, non-certified? They're talking about those raises again. But this is something that happens just about every December, January, right, Chris? I think it is. Just so everybody's clear, it's not that the school system is giving these raises, it's that there's a process going on right now to determine the current salaries and based on all the data available, are these positions needing increases? Are they competitive? Yeah. And so, there's a phase. Like a review? Like a review, maybe? Yeah. Everybody, every, for lack of words, every profession within the school system is going to be evaluated to see where they're at, you know, where they're standing at and where they should be at. Let's just make this clear. Just because a company tells the school system, yeah, the janitor is currently at \$12,000 a year. I'm making that up, okay? That's just a made up. I'm making that up. That's just an example. Okay? And let's say the janitor is getting \$12,000 a year and the surrounding county is at \$18,000 a year. This company is doing a review of all this and based on the data collected, this company will tell the school system, hey, this is where you're at, this is what the surrounding is, this is where you should be at. Okay? But having said that, that's the easy part. The hard part is trying to convince other entities such as the county commissioners and the state, hey, we need more money. Yeah. To cut the check, right? Yeah. So make sure you check it out. That particular story is in the Hook County edition of the North State Journal. I believe, Reuben, you went to ... There's two big things going on in Raleigh that people are talking about. The insurance rates, which we talked about last week, I believe. I think we did talk about that one. And then the Department of Labor stuff, the mandate and all that that entails. You want to talk a little bit about going to that thing? Well, you know, we have already talked about the increase on the insurance, the last episode. Oh, you saw that. But something, and this is where I tell people, you need to be informed. You need to know what's going on because we don't have the government we've had 200 years ago. Oh, no. Where it was all about patriots. We have Marxists, we have socialists, fascist people. They have infiltrated our government system, and not everybody has good intentions against the American people. I haven't said that, and I'm going to put everything together. In case nobody knows, the World Health Organization, the WHO organization, is requesting that all countries, the U.S. being one of them, that they sign a pandemic treaty to prepare for the next pandemic. Now, the WHO organization is now in the business of predicting future airborne infectious diseases, such as, somebody's already probably heard this, disease X. Right. They're calling it X because when you were in the Army, we had a new prototype. It was a number and it had an X. Experimental.



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That was experimental. Experimental. Okay, so this disease that we don't know what it is yet, the WHO organization, they're predicting, and my prediction is probably going to be, it'll come out probably in October, November of 2024. This is all about control, and of course about money. If you're not informed, this is what's going to happen. They're going to put this underneath your feet, and you're not even going to know what happened until it's too late. Do you think it'll actually, before you move on to anything else, do you think it'll actually be that long, they'll wait until that long in the election year? I don't. I don't. I think it'll be September, October. Well, the funny you should say this, because the North Carolina, under the leadership of the North Carolina Department of Labor Commissioner Dobson, his organization, his department accepted two petitions to implement two rules, and it has to do with housing and migrants. But it really, it affects every North Carolina employer, which in turn, it will affect all employees, okay? So on Tuesday, January 23rd of this year, 2024, at 1 p.m., I attended a virtual hearing to provide statements to the North Carolina Department of Labor Commissioner, and there was a lot of people, they were there. To my surprise, I saw Luke Farley there. He was obviously, he took a stand, he was in objection of the face coverings. To my surprise also, guess who I saw? Dr. Ralph Carter, running for NC48. These people have very powerful statements, but then again, you had a few people in the one hearing I went to, you could tell these people are socialists. They want everything to be solved by the government, and what these people want is they want the government, whether it be the state or the federal, to give them a plan on how to clean their own house. That's basically a layman's turn, you know? They're asking the government, give us a plan on how to clean our house, for lack of words, okay? If people are not aware about this, you have until March 3rd to put in comments, you can email your objection to it, you don't have to be elaborate, you can just email your objection and on the episode 80, we'll make that post for that hyperlink, for that contact email, to send your own email and objection of it. There were a few hundred people present, virtual and in person actually, Luke Farley was actually in person, Dr. Ralph Carter was virtual, it's a two hour hearing, but the powerful statements, I can summarize this with this, King Tony Fauci, aka Dr. Tony Fauci, when he was asked in a congressional hearing regarding COVID, when he was asked about how did you come up with the six feet distance, he said, it's just a number we came up with. There's no data out there, nothing, and we know now for a fact that there isn't a face covering, whether you're wearing five masks or ten masks, they don't protect you against any virus. I'll say this again, because I said it before, okay? Any mask, to include the, back then it was the P-17, I don't know what it is now, the M-40 now, and the military, okay? Any mask that you have on your face gives you as much protection as my chain link fence on my property, that gives me protection against stopping mosquitoes from coming into my property and stinging me, you know? And so, the other thing as it relates to this is that, you know, you still got people in radios pushing the COVID shot, as an example, pushing all this ridiculous thing that we know now for a fact, that it's just not a fact anymore, it is all, the American people were scammed. They were scammed by the federal government, and a lot of people in North Carolina sold us out for only one thing, money. Say it with me, say it with me, fellas, money. So there's something that just came out, I'm going to research it further, we'll have it on show in the future, but the CDC knew about the myocarditis, mainly affecting the male, they knew all about it, now they've uncovered emails through FOIA requests between Pfizer, Moderna, and CDC, talking about we don't want to panic people, we don't want to turn them off from the vaccination, and the lower people in the CDC were like, we need to put out this warning. People in the upper echelons were like, well, wait a minute, we don't want to cause panic, we want people to keep taking the



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medication. So we'll look into it further, but it just goes to show, just along the same lines as Fauci, they have monetary motives, they have political motives, so there's a whole lot more to this story, and it gets uncovered by these journalists all the time, so just keep looking at what's going on, and remember in October, when they say stay home. Just in case anybody has any doubt, I'm just going to read this short paragraph. Mask wearing increases infection rather than preventing it. Also carbon dioxide, which is CO₂, is a gas the body naturally produces as waste. Think about that, waste. We breathe in oxygen, which is O₂, the opposite of CO₂, to fuel organs and tissues, and the end product is CO₂. So if you have a mask covering your mouth and nose, in your car, by yourself, you are subjecting yourself to excessive amounts of inhaling, breathing in CO₂, which will cause, this is all about long-term, will cause blood pressure, headaches, muscle twitching, rapid heart rate, chest pain, confusion and fatigue, bad breath, gum tissue damage, and the list goes on and on. If you want to know about the lack of protection of masks, I got this information from TheBetterOxygenMask.com. So I just want to jump on that real quick. So COPD, you know, the people that have the damaged lungs, the reason they take medicine, the reason they have oxygen masks on and stuff like that, is to flush the CO₂ out of their system. That's right. You know? Because their lungs can't naturally force it out on its own, so then you take the medication. So if some people are given medicine to help them get rid of the CO₂, but then another doctor tells you to put on a mask, which keeps the CO₂, that you re-breathe, where are we going? What are we doing? Well, this is why it's so important for Americans to know that it's your Constitution of God gave us these freedoms. You know, I forget where I heard this from, but it was so, so deep. This guy, it was one of the conservative men's huddle. And the guy on my left, a pastor, said something, and it just downed on me that quick. God gave us dominion over earth, not over man. Think about that for a moment. He did. He absolutely did. And the one thing that I heard this past week in the same response is, you can't ask government to fix something that they broke. They broke, yeah. You know, people need to be, here's the bottom line. People need to be involved and stand up for what's right. You know it's wrong. Don't go along with it. Don't go along with it. Yeah, I was just going to say, so think about that like you just said, that's like taking a car to the mechanic with an issue, you leave with two issues, and you take it back to the same mechanic. You know, that's easy. Continuously, over and over. Just to wrap it up, we did share it on our podcast Facebook page, and maybe we need to get it on our website, too, it's about the, it's from the Carolina Journal. But anyway, it says that after the public comment period closes on March 4th, the agency may, doesn't have to, take one of these steps. Number one, accept the rule or rules in their current state, prepare a physical note for the rules, and continue with the rulemaking process. Number two, revise the rules, prepare a physical note, reissue a notice of text, and hold another public hearing and accept public comments, or three, take no action at all. So by not taking action means we're blowing them off, nothing's changing. Let me tell you this, and I'm extremely disappointed in the North Carolina Department of Labor Commissioner Dobson. Absolutely. There is a specific, he's governed by certain laws. He is not required, he is required to accept a petition, but he can just say, no, it ends here right now because of ABC. You know, but it makes me wonder, now is it because he's not running again, or is it because he's really a Democrat? Because I'm going to tell you this right now, I am a, I am a baby Republican. I am not a rhino Republican. I am eagerly to make sure that Americans maintain their constitutional rights. And this is like Dr. Ralph Carter indicated on episode 79, this is a medical decision. You know, I don't care if you want to wear a mask, but you're not going to force me to wear one just because it's not my job. I told people, I said, well, what about your grandparents? It's not my parents to



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worry about my parents. My grandparents need to worry about themselves. That's right. If I need to worry about myself, you know, dominion over the land, not over men. Amen. All right. So one caveat. So I've heard rumor that there's committees up in the legislature that are looking into this, that if it does go into effect, there will be laws striking it down. I spoke to our senators, North Carolina State Senator, Danny Britt, and he assured me that, you know, they're ready if it has to, because 80 pages, I read these 80 pages, things trigger certain things. If this goes forward, all I got to do is get a letter with 10 signatures, and that will automatically trigger that legislation for review. So there is, but the bottom line is that we have to continue to be involved, because what if these hundreds of people that showed up would have been the opposite way? Right. Nobody showed up. The five people that were against is hundreds instead, and the people against them is just five. Right. Nobody's standing up or speaking up. I know we're not getting into the insurance topic, but it's so similar of a situation. Yes, the insurance rates go up just about every year, but the massive amount they're asking for makes me feel like they're a flea market dealer. Well, I want all this, because I'm only going to get this much. That might be a negotiation strategy, right? Correct. But yeah, the latest one was in 2020, they asked for 25, they got eight. So yeah. And now they're asking for 49? 43. Well, it depends on where you're at. Coach was 39. Yeah, 39. Yeah, I see 42, 43, and 44. Out in the coast? Yeah. 99%. Can you imagine that? I couldn't. I'd have to move. Yep, we'd have to roll. All right. Last main one here. Our favorite organization, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Yes, something with you on the congressional side of the house. Yeah, so basically a letter was presented to the Judiciary Committee from former, active, former, and active FBI agents and analysts. And basically what they're saying is that these DEI hires are crushing the FBI. Just for some examples, there's one woman that could not pass the physical fitness test. There was another woman who could not write coherent reports. So they've had to implement remedial English classes. Did they go to Harvard? Yeah, right. We'll get into that. So anyway, there were several female candidates that had issues that were disqualifying. When the recruiter took them up to the executive level, they would say, tough, we need more female agents, pass them through. What we're talking about, Yale or Harvard or whatever, is they're drafting Ivy League graduates straight out of school and putting them in the planning division, which writes policy procedures and tactics. So these people that don't have what they want in the FBI are now in the decision-making hierarchy of who they hire, how you investigate policies for whatever. I don't want to completely knock Harvard all the way to the ground. No, I'm going to knock it down all the way to the ground. Let me give you a reason. They're done with me. My son would not go to that school. Well, of course, my son's not going to go to that school. But in the grand scheme of things, what Harvard was doing was they were holding their rules to thee, but not for me. You know, they were making the students abide by the rules of plagiarism. But yet the board and the faculty and people like that were getting away with nothing. That was so clear. So if you're still going to Harvard, and now let's say you have – Harvard not only puts people in the FBI, folks, Harvard puts people in the offices of offices in D.C. Everyone. I mean, they work for staffers and stuff like that. Let me tell you, I happen to know – because, you know, in my area of expertise, I deal with a lot of lawyers and law firms – I happen to know that many law firms do not hire students that graduate from law school from Harvard. Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. They do not hire because of this. It's going to take years before Harvard – probably decades before Harvard can recover from this. But this was self-inflicted. They knew that this dean, this president, was not qualified. He was not qualified. Well, it wrapped up the FBI stuff. So they hold diversity hire work fairs and seminars. White men are not – they are explicitly excluded from applying during these



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processes. Or going to the Christmas party. I heard that one. Remember? Oh, yeah, back in the Boston or somewhere? Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, that was the city council or whatever it was. But, yeah, so white men are excluded from these events, and the recruiters and the people that wrote this report, they said, look, you know, we love our job. We love the FBI. We're dedicated to our mission. They said – and we would come forward. This wouldn't be an anonymous letter, except for the fact that any time a whistleblower comes forward, they are crushed. And they're fired. You know, they're just demeaned. They're defamed. They're going after everybody. You know, the sad thing about it is that not only – going back to Harvard – not only were they discriminating against white men – let me retract that – Caucasian men. Not just white men. Because I consider myself as a white man, but not Caucasian. And they were discriminating on anybody, almost anybody that's white, period. Chinese. They're not brown. You can tell that they're white, most of them anyways, but because they're too smart. They're too smart. But see, this is what happened. The Chinese, the Japanese, the Koreans, they don't wait for the child to be 10 years old for them to be introduced to mathematics. Or reading. Or reading. I remember when I was in Korea, I used to look at three-, four-year-old kids learning instruments. Learning this, learning that. It's not that they're smarter. It's because they've been doing it longer. Yeah. Well, and the thing, too, right, that they have a culture of learning. Yeah. And we did, too. Our founding fathers were, for the time, very educated men. And we carried that on, I think, until probably the 60s, when it was kind of like college became a frat house. And education, I don't know, and then infiltration. And then during that time is when all this wokeness, it wasn't that back then. It was socialism, communism, and all this stuff they got. They took over the schools mainly because they knew, if we can educate the students, start educating them enough, we will have teachers thinking the way we think. And this is what's going on right now. They have them in areas, and you've seen all the videos of the teachers that are pushing ideas and ideals. I mean, this is so sad. Believe it or not, every school in America, in the U.S. of A., has wokenism, has CRT, has DEI, okay? And I can tell you this right now. This is how the lines are crossed. You're teaching math. You've got no business teaching history. You've got no business telling the students. I was surprised because of the white man. But wait a minute. What are you trying to say? We're supposed to be teaching, learning math here, and I'm learning about history. See, that's an example. That's how it's being done. That's just one example. But it's there, and I'm going to say that, of course, I'm Reuben Castle. I'm Hope County Board of Education board member. I don't relinquish my voice to anybody. I don't speak for no board member or the board, but I am going to say this. Just like when I was a law enforcement officer for 16 years, we had some bad apples, I know for a fact that there might be one or two or more bad apple teachers, and nobody can tell me that that is not the case. Nobody can tell me that. Yep, and you don't know. Sometimes you don't know what they're teaching or what the students are hearing because they're so scared to speak up or so scared to speak out. And I'm not saying specific to Hope at all. I'm just saying, in general, some of these schools don't allow for kids to even say anything hardly. Right. Now, also, you're supposed to be teaching mathematics. Let's start looking at the scores. Tell me what's going on with reading, writing, and arithmetic. Well, remember when me and Chris were running one of my things that I did the research, and 80% of students in Hope High were not math proficient. Now, granny, that was based on 900 students being tested only. That was not the whole population. But if you were to increase the numbers from 900 to the maximum amount, I suspect it just got worse. Yeah, that's how they do polling, right? Yeah. It's a representative sample. Yeah, so this is the problem when the public school system has gotten away from the basic stuff. Right. And they introduce



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all these things that really have no business. Yep. All right, alibi fires and alibi fires. Then we'll have your military minute. Did we miss anything? I do want to mention sports real quick. I have them somewhere. The basketball teams, the wrestling teams, the swim teams, stuff like that. Hope County was at Union Pines. I'm doing it off memory because I didn't find my notes. Hope County was at Union Pines last week and came up with two road victories in a row. And it was a really good showing because the boys, on the boys' side of things, it was a massive destruction of Union Pines. And they're down in the bottom of the conference. Let me see if I can find the standings where I had them right here. The boys' standings in 3A, 4A Sandhills basketball, Richmond obviously is number one. They just had a kid set state record with 71 points in a game. And then another kid with a three-point record in the state. Richmond's going to be tough. And Southern Lee is 5-1 in the conference. Hope County is in 3rd, 3-3. Scotland's in 4th. Pinecrest is in 5th, 2-4. Union Pines 1-5 down at the bottom with Lee County 1-5. The Bucks beat Union Pines, let's see, 82-55, the boys. And then they beat Pinecrest 54-50. And they will play this Friday, actually last Friday because we recorded ahead of time, Scotland County. The girls did not fare very well in that. They fell in a somewhat close one. The girls have had a tough season so far this year. And they fell to Union Pines in a six-point loss, seven points, 51-54. And then they got beat pretty handily against Pinecrest 64-53 and also at Scotland. So the standings for the girls in the Sandhills conference, Richmond is number one. Scotland, Union Pines 3rd, Pinecrest 4th, Lee County 5th, Hope County 6th, and Southern Lee 7th. And I did not get my wrestling thing done, but I think we mentioned it last time, that the girls are number one in the state in a couple of the power poles. And the boys are in the top five, maybe the top seven in the state of North Carolina in wrestling. I need to get an update on swimming. So any other alibi fires or sports briefs or military minutes? Yeah, so in a reversal, the Defense Department now wants to bring TRICARE beneficiaries back to military health. So you guys are all veterans, and I hadn't retired at the time, but about seven, eight years ago, the Department of Defense sent all these retirees that were receiving health care on post a letter saying, hey, go find a doctor. Oh, yeah. Clinics are crowded. We were one of those. Oh, were you? Yeah, I hadn't retired yet. So now, eight years later, the DOD is finding out that doctors are losing skills because the patient population has decreased. Because, you know, the active duty force is relatively healthy. Right. So it's sprains, minor illness, stuff like that. The little stuff. The little stuff. So what they're saying now is they're losing funding, the size of the population has gone down, they've lost doctors. So it costs one-third the cost for TRICARE to pay a MFT than it does a civilian doctor. So across the government, the DOD is now wanting recruiters or retirees to come back on post, be seen at medical facilities. And the goal is to have 7% by 2026 of TRICARE out in the economy network back on post by 2026. And you know what? This is one of the side effects of the presidency administration, most specifically the Biden administration. It started to get bad under Obama because it started there. It sort of got really good with Trump. Then Biden, he continued the legacy of Obama. And nobody wants to enlist. Of course, that's just one. But, you know, we got obesity issues. You've got people taking medication and all this stuff. So, you know, all of that has an effect. If you don't have a force to replace the older force, that's what happens. Yeah, we'll get into a story on that in another episode. But that's really dire right now. The Coast Guard is like mothballing ships, consolidating units because they don't have enough people. Right. And you said they can't get enough doctors, right? Right. All right. Well, no, no. They had to send the doctors away because it's based on the population they're serving. Right. Now they're trying to get more doctors. But, yeah, so there's going to be a painful transition, I think. Absolutely. There's going to be overcrowded clinics. There's going to be overloaded



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case patients. You know what? It sounds so familiar to me. And it's not a knock or anything. But when we were talking about public education, when the numbers had to decrease because of the classroom sizes and you had to cut teachers or positions and this, that, and the other. But yet the goal of the public education is sound and basic education. And we've gotten away from it. We've sort of gotten away from it. So now the positions need to come back. So I have a second military minute. The Biden administration has done a terrible thing against our armed forces by forcing them to take the COVID shot. In many cases, soldiers, airmen, and Marines have been injured. In other cases, died because of the COVID shot. Now their family members are left behind to defend for themselves. The Biden administration has done an injustice against our soldiers. And you need to push that out. It's going to be probably, you know, in elections, for national elections, how many times have you heard, it's the economy, it's the border, it's this or that. Taxes, inflation, whatever. When do they ever find military? The only two things that are the most important right now, and I can speak for a lot of patriots, a lot of Americans, is the border, secure the border, and the economy. That's what it is. That's what it is. Those are the two things. If you fix that, everything comes in line. Amen. All right. Anything we missed, fellas? That's it. All right. We want to thank our sponsors again, and continuing to do that. Please check out each and every one of them. And when you do, tell them you heard it on the Roundtable Talk podcast. Raeford Guns, Inside the Gas Station, Skoll Road, and Johnson Mill. Also, the Hoke County edition of the North State Journal. Check them out. Facebook page and website, hoke.northstatejournal.com. Christian 105.7 FM WCLN, your 24-7 source of hope and inspiration. They've got streaming, app, web, christian1057.com. Our Facebook page, Roundtable Talk Podcast. Website, roundtabletalkpodcast.com. For Hal Nunn. Reuben Castle. And Chris Holland. We'll see you.