



Marino: We need to cut spending, promote private investment

Congressman Marino was encouraged by President Obama's State of the Union challenge to both parties to work together to revive an ailing economy and put Americans back to work.

But, the key to success, Marino said, lies in the path that lawmakers choose to take.

He said legislators need to cut government spending, keep taxes low and unleash the American entrepreneurial spirit.

"The president talked about the opportunities of a better life that we pass on to our children," Marino said. "But, if we continue on the current path, the only legacy we leave future generations is trillions of dollars of debt."

Marino said the president made reference to the results of the mid-term elections but believes President Obama is only hearing half of the message of the American people.

"The President spoke tonight about additional

'investments,' which is Washington-speak for further federal spending."

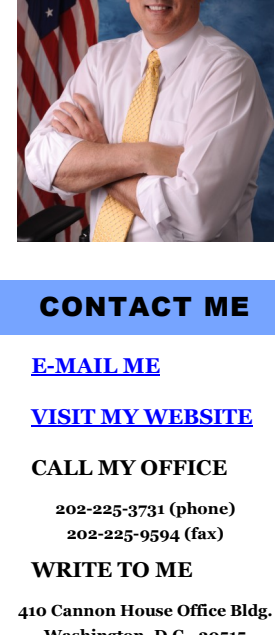
Rep. Marino said the recent House vote to cut federal spending to 2008 levels was a good start.

"The best investments that will help the economy are those made by the private sector."

Citing the massive stimulus bill, he said: "We've heard about 'shovel-ready' jobs but we still have an unemployment rate of almost 10 percent. All of that money for infrastructure, for new roads and bridges, isn't going to do us any good if we aren't making any products to carry across those roads. We need to start making products again and we need the types of jobs that industry brings."

Congressman Marino is looking forward to cooperation from President Obama and the Democrats in Congress so that both parties accept responsibility for the nation's dire financial straits.

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Monday, Jan. 31
• Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale

Tuesday, Feb. 1
• Allenwood Federal Correctional Complex, Lycoming County

Wednesday, Feb. 2
• Susquehanna Health, Williamsport

Thursday, Feb. 3
• Gentex Corp., Carbondale

Friday, Feb. 4
• Guthrie Healthcare, Sayre
• Central Bradford Progress Authority Luncheon, Towanda
• Global Tungsten & Powders Corp., Towanda
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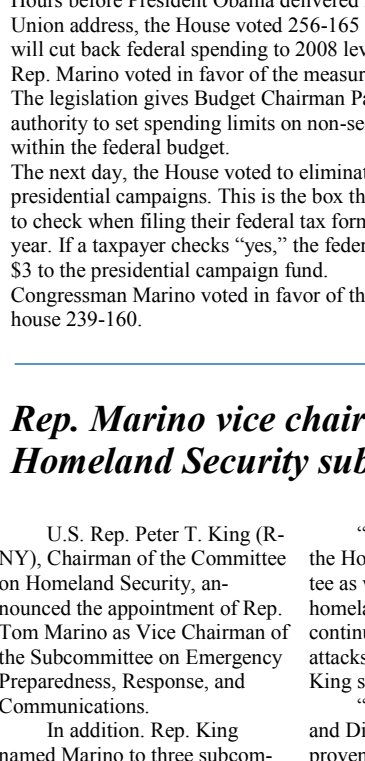
Tune in on Tuesday

Tune in to WILK News Radio on Tuesday, Feb. 1, to hear Congressman Marino.

He will be a guest on the Sue Henry Show at 10:07 a.m.

You can listen to WILK on 980 AM or 103.1 FM.

You can also listen live on at <http://wilknetwork.com>



SSGT Earl Granville of Carbondale, Lackawanna County, was Congressman Marino's special guest at President Obama's State of the Union address. Granville, who served in Afghanistan, sat in the House Gallery during the speech.

2 more votes to cut spending

Hours before President Obama delivered his Jan. 25 State of the Union address, the House voted 256-165 in favor of HR38 which will cut back federal spending to 2008 levels.

Rep. Marino voted in favor of the measure.

The legislation gives Budget Chairman Paul Ryan, R-WI, the authority to set spending limits on non-security discretionary items within the federal budget.

The next day, the House voted to eliminate public financing of presidential campaigns. This is the box that Americans are asked to check when filing their federal tax forms with the IRS each year. If a taxpayer checks "yes," the federal government allocates \$3 to the presidential campaign fund.

Congressman Marino voted in favor of this proposal. It passed the house 239-160.

Rep. Marino vice chairman of Homeland Security subcommittee

U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, announced the appointment of Rep. Tom Marino as Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications.

In addition, Rep. King named Marino to three subcommittees.

Besides serving on Emergency Preparedness, the 10th District congressman will serve on these subcommittees: Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies; and Oversight, Investigations and Management.

"Tom will be a true asset to the Homeland Security Committee as we work to protect our homeland from terrorists who continue to plot and execute attacks against our nation," Rep. King said.

"As a former U.S. Attorney and District Attorney, Tom has proven experience in protecting the citizens of this country. Tom will be critical in ensuring that the Department of Homeland Security is prepared to respond to acts of terrorism and natural disasters. I look forward to working with Tom on many important issues, including our efforts to strengthen communications for America's first responders."

HERE & THERE ...AROUND THE 10TH DISTRICT



Rep. Marino attended Lackawanna County's Respect Life Prayer Breakfast, one of the district's largest pro-life events. Here he is with Betty Caffrey, president of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Wilkes-Barre Chapter, and Chris Calore.



Congressman Marino was one of several lawmakers to attend the recent legislative breakfast hosted by the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors of Pennsylvania.

Congressman Marino, a strong pro-life advocate, is co-sponsor of HR3, a resolution also known as the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act."

This would close loopholes in the current law by establishing a government-wide statutory prohibition on abortion funding and corrects the "loose" language in the current health-care law.

HR3 would strengthen the Hyde Amendment, which bars federal funding for abortion but must be renewed every year.

Marino's announcement comes as busloads of Northeastern Pennsylvania residents made their annual trek to the nation's capital on Jan. 24 to protest the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Monday's March for Life coincides with the 38th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on Jan. 22. The march was scheduled to begin at noon on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Marino met with Bradford County pro-lifers on Monday and attended a reception for March for Life participants hosted by the Pennsylvania delegation.

Banning the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions would be one of many steps Congress must take to tackle health-care reform in a "simple, clear and succinct manner," Marino said.

Two D.C.-bound buses departed from the Knights of Columbus, Luzerne, Monday morning.

Pro-life activists from Luzerne, Lackawanna and Bradford counties and the Susquehanna Valley made the trip.

Congressman Tom Marino was assigned to three House committees, which is unique for a freshman legislator.

Rep. Marino will serve on the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Foreign Affairs committees. He also has joined three caucuses: 1) Congressional Sportsman Caucus; (2) Immigration Reform Caucus; and (3) Congressional Coal Caucus.

The Committee on Homeland Security oversees the Department of Homeland Security operations. Marino said he is pleased and honored to be selected to committees that are close to his heart and mirror his experience.

"I don't think there is anything more important than to serve on a committee that is dedicated to protecting our people and our land," Rep. Marino said of the Homeland Security assignment. "Our focus not only will be to prevent terrorist attacks but to eliminate the terrorists."

The newly elected congressman from the 10th District believes his legal background, including his prosecutorial work, makes him an ideal match for the Judiciary Committee.

"My 18 years of experience will help me with this committee that writes criminal law, protects the law of the land and strives to keep our children safe," the congressman said. "This committee is often referred to as the guardian of the Constitution and I cannot think of a more noble mission."

Priorities for the Committee on Homeland Security include: stopping the Obama administration's plans to transfer Guantanamo detainees and try them in civilian courts; holding hearings on the plans to close Guantanamo; holding hearings on the attack at Fort Hood; and enacting additional border security legislation to curb illegal immigration.

The Foreign Affairs Committee is involved with the oversight and legislation relating to foreign assistance, national security developments affecting foreign policy, strategic planning and agreements, war powers, treaties, arms control and the deployment and use of the U.S. Armed Forces. The panel also deals with international law-enforcement issues including narcotics control programs and activities.

Congressman Marino is a former U.S. Attorney and Lycoming County District Attorney. "My work as a U.S. Attorney involved not only domestic work but international relations with other countries and I'm sure that will help with this committee assignment," Marino said. "I'm glad to be able to play a role to help the United States establish a peaceful relationship with other nations."

Marino said he was honored to be asked to sit on a third committee – which he says is unique for a freshman congressman.

"There is a lot of work to do as far as foreign relations go, with the Middle East and Korea," Marino said. "There are some pressing issues and I look forward to helping to work with my colleagues to help solve them."

Jan. 5 was a historic day for the nation, as well as for Congressman Marino and his family.

One of the brightest spots – and there were many – was the outpouring of support from the residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

“I am so grateful and humbled by the all of the 10th District residents who made the trip to Washington, D.C., and who shared in this landmark day for me.” Rep. Marino said.

“I am inspired by all of you who wrote to me, called and e-mailed and most of all, remembered me in your prayers.”

Though the first day was a celebratory one, the quiet in the office the next day was a reminder of the seriousness of the work that lies ahead, Rep. Marino said.

“There is so much hard work to be done. We have to do it in a just and fair-minded manner with the knowledge that the good people of this nation sent us here to make a difference. It’s not an easy task but it’s one I welcome.”

Congressman stops by Farm Show

Agriculture is a big part of life in the 10th District and Congressman Tom Marino appreciates the hard work and the deep sense of pride that Northeastern Pennsylvania farmers put into their work.

So, it was only fitting that he stop by the recent Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Many district residents participated in the competition and many more visited the eight-day expo.

One of the local winners was Ronsal Trump Card, above, exhibited by Stacey Sands of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. The buck was the Grand Champion in the Purebred Boer Bucks division. From left are: announcer Mike Woods; Judge Julie Brown; and owners Stacey and Ron Sands. Rep. Marino congratulates all winners.

When: Monday, January 24, 2011 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Cannon Caucus Room

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

Rep. Marino is proud to be a co-sponsor of HR2, the House resolution that repealed the massive health-care overhaul passed last year by the previous Congress in a partisan vote.

He was even more proud that the House on Jan. 19 overwhelmingly passed the resolution, making way for a fresh start for true health-care reform.

Congressman Marino signed onto the historic bill for several reasons but cited the "damage the government takeover of the health-care industry would do to the economy" as his prime reason.

"ObamaCare adds trillions of dollars to our existing liabilities, drives up costs even further and puts government bureaucrats in between doctors and patients," Rep. Marino said. The current law is hindering the economy from getting back on track because it includes more than \$500 billion in tax increases, not to mention the burdensome IRS 1099 paperwork requirements and an employer mandate that has already started to have detrimental effects.

"Companies are already announcing benefit cuts, a labor union has announced it will no longer cover dependent children and some companies have stopped offering retiree health care," Marino said. "All of this is coming at a time when roughly 15 million Americans are searching for work."

The Obama administration's own actuaries at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services warn that the Medicare cuts contained in the law are so drastic that "providers might end their participation in the program."

Marino said ObamaCare did not succeed in lowering health-care costs, one of the American people's chief concerns. In a statement that was entered into the record on Jan. 19, Marino said, "As a two-time cancer survivor and the father of a daughter living with cystic fibrosis, what is rhetorical for many of my colleagues is a reality for my family. There is no doubt that reforms are needed to ensure that individuals with pre-existing conditions have access to affordable insurance."

Though changes are necessary, Marino said in his statement: ObamaCare is the "wrong solution" and includes an "unconstitutional individual mandate on all Americans requiring the purchase of health insurance coverage."

The historic vote by the House on Jan. 19 to repeal the health-care reform measure was much more than a symbolic gesture.

House members are busy tackling all of the major problems associated with the nation's health-care problems.

"This time, it's not going to be a 2,000-plus-page bill that nobody reads, not even members of Congress," Rep. Marino said. "We are going to go about it in a systematic manner, one bill at a time.

"We are going to address issues like coverage for pre-existing conditions and allowing people to cross state lines to buy insurance," he said. "But we are going to do it in a simple, clear and succinct manner. The people are going to know what's in the bill and so are the members of Congress."

Congressman Marino and other members of the Judiciary Committee held a hearing titled "Medical Liability Reform: Cutting Costs, Spurring Investment, Creating Jobs," on Jan. 20.

This hearing was held a day after Rep. Marino voted to repeal the jobs-destroying national health-care law.

One of the biggest problems is that health-care insurance is not affordable for most Americans and last year's reform didn't tackle that issue at all.

Meaningful liability reform would help in two ways – not only does it save taxpayer dollars but it actually "bends" the health care cost curve in a downward manner. Some studies show that 40 percent of medical malpractice suits filed in the United States are without merit. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that lawsuit abuse reform would save taxpayers \$54 billion over the next decade.

