

we step up and deal with the tax system more and more money will leave.

The Republicans want to go to a territorial system where corporations don't pay taxes on money made outside the United States. What I propose is a bipartisan bill where we get rid of territorial taxation to have more red, white and blue jobs."

On the environment:

"The president woke up yesterday to find his federal agencies don't agree with him on climate change. They pointed out that the last three years have been hotter than any point in history. We've had fires that are bigger and hotter, hurricanes and it seems to me that they are ignoring the science.

The question is are we going to use the science. What has come out of late is that middle schoolers will learn the most about science from non-classroom activities. The Trump Administration is trying to cut the funding for the National Science Foundation for non-classroom education. I'm going to use my seat on the budget committee to do everything I can to fight for that kind of education."

On the possibility of ending the war on terror:

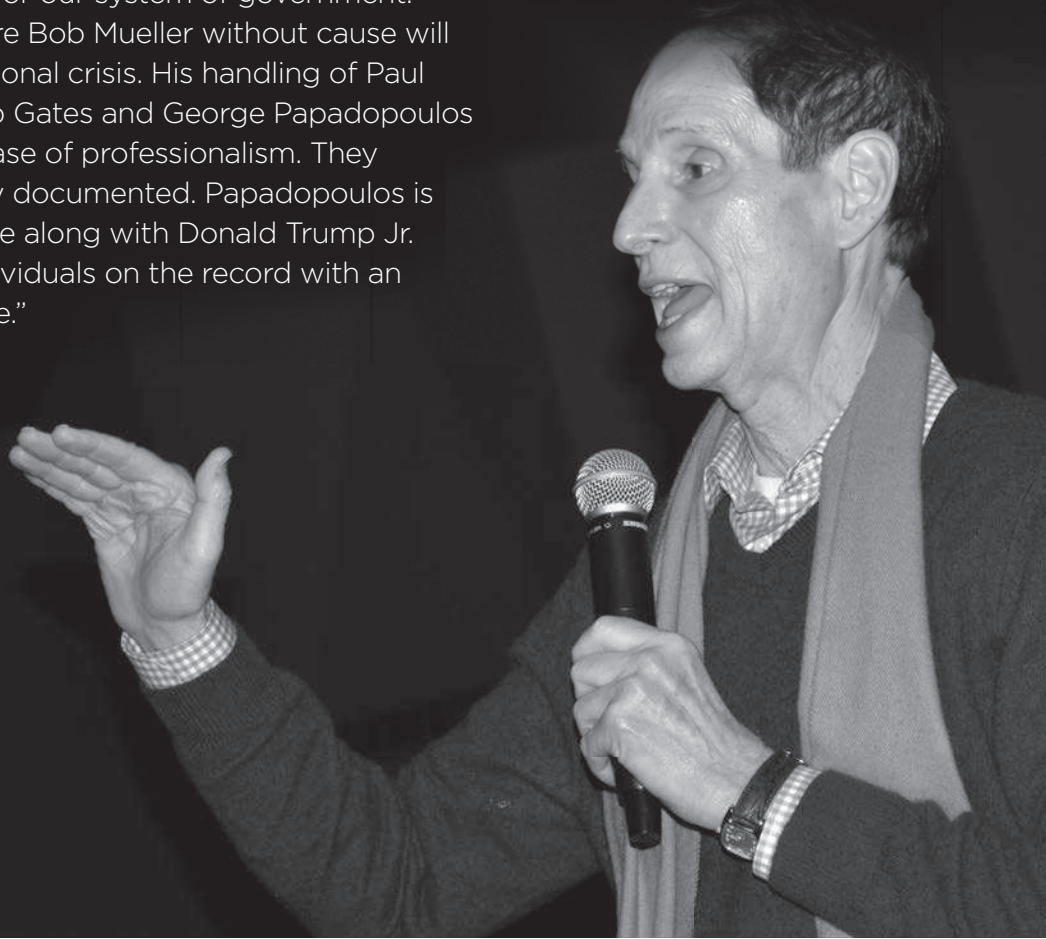
"With respect to intelligence policy. We need to make sure we have the resources to get good, objective information to stay out of wars. We have a lot of issues in the intelligence field: we have an aging workforce, we still don't have enough people who have mastered the languages we need in the field and we have a big problem with cybersecurity."

On wildfires and fire prevention:

"Mike Crapo and I have been working on a bill that

ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO TRUMP CAMPAIGN COLLUSION WITH RUSSIA:

"This is going to be a really important time for the Constitution and for our system of government. Any attempt to fire Bob Mueller without cause will cause a Constitutional crisis. His handling of Paul Manafort and Bob Gates and George Papadopoulos was a textbook case of professionalism. They were meticulously documented. Papadopoulos is important because along with Donald Trump Jr. these are two individuals on the record with an attempt to collude."



would end fire borrowing. What that means is that the government underfunds prevention that produces jobs. Then it gets hot and dry and all of the sudden you have an inferno. Then the government borrows from the prevention fund to put the fire out. The 1 to 2 percent of big fires would be fought with the Natural Disaster Fund.

What has come up most recently is that some have said that's fine, but what we want to do is more forest management which is sometimes code for not complying with

environmental regulation.
On the biggest threat to the country:

"Political change starts bottom up and the biggest challenge we have is to mobilize when core values are at stake. Nobody thought that we could beat Trumpcare 1, Trumpcare 2 or Trumpcare 3 and we kept going back with marches and calls and letters. That's the way you make political change."

On relations with North Korea:

"I strongly favor expanding financial sanctions against

North Koreans. Today, for all practical purposes, you can make it impossible for them to do business unless they pay in cash. The North Koreans continue to do a lot of business with countries around the world and I think we need to make it clear that you either do business with us or North Korea. I have always felt that smart security policy is a combination of soft power and hard power and the rhetoric you use is really important. I thought it was a significant mistake for the president to call Kim Jong-

Un 'rocket man.' We need to lower the decibel level and see if we can open up some channels to have some conversation."

On fixing the Affordable Care Act and the possibility of single-payer:

"There's a provision in the ACA that would allow any state to set up a single-payer system. Oregon, if it wants to, can go set up its own thing. Oregon, Washington and California could also do it together and that would be a powerful experiment.

Those can be put in place without any federal action. There have been a whole host of progressive proposals with different approaches and pieces to the puzzle. What I want to make sure is that there isn't a repeat of what happened with Republicans. For seven years, they talked about repeal and replace and then the Republican dog caught the Republican car and they didn't know what to do.

The fastest growing part of Medicare today is Medicare Advantage, which is private insurance. No one has explained that Medicare Advantage will depart (under a single-payer system) and that employer-paid healthcare insurance would go away. I think people deserve to hear that.

I want to do some things right now. I want to get tough with the pharmaceutical companies so that Medicare can bargain for the costs. I also want to go after the middle men like the pharmaceutical benefit managers. I also want to make sure we don't bring back Graham-Cassidy and bills that don't protect people with pre-existing conditions. The concentration among insurers and hospitals has gotten way out of hand and I think the healthcare industry by-and-large is really ripe for taking out the anti-trust laws. The first step is busting up monopolies and require that anti-trust apply to the insurance industry.

I think we have to come up with a uniquely American system, I don't think we can take one of the other systems and plop it down here. What we've got to do is be very specific about how we get from here to there. I'm not ruling out anything."

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