

Congressman Pence appeared alongside Congressman Paul Ryan on *CNBC* with Larry Kudlow to preview and discuss the President's State of the Union address:

EXCERPTS:

Kudlow: Mike Pence, what are you expecting to hear tonight? In all seriousness, is Mr. Obama changing his stripes? Did the Scott Brown election in Massachusetts change his stripes? I'm hearing all about pushing reset buttons. I'm not sure what that means.

Pence: Well, I don't know what I expect to hear, quite frankly, what the frustrated part of House Republicans might expect to hear is more of the same. You know, a president talking about the problem with lobbyists when frankly he's negotiated a government takeover of health care behind closed doors with lobbyists and special interests in the room. He might talk about changing Washington as though his party wasn't in control of the House and the Senate and the White House. What I hope we hear, Larry, is some evidence that this president in this administration are hearing the voice of the American people. The American people are bone tired of the borrowing, the spending, the bailouts, the takeovers, and I hope the president reflects that he's sincerely hearing the voice of the American people, sets aside these big government schemes and focuses on fiscal discipline and the kind of pro-growth policies that will really get the economy moving.

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Kudlow: Is there any evidence in the new year or since the Scott Brown election in the House that the Democratic leadership is opening the door to Republican policy leaders like yourselves? Is there any evidence? We know the unions go through that door. We know a lot of big businesses go through that door with crony capitalism reaching new peaks in the last couple of years. How about Republican leaders? Is there any evidence of that?

Pence: The short answer is no. As you know, Republicans offered our own economic stimulus bill. We offered the budget proposal alternative to their runaway spending budget. We had an

all-of-the-above energy bill, we had an alternative on health care. All of those the president reflexively said no to, shut the Republicans out of the process and then had the audacity to say we are the party of no, we don't see that happening whatsoever, so hopefully tonight the president will call his party and call the country to set aside traditional political allegiances, and really as he said in his campaign, bring the best ideas into the room, the best ideas to the table to get this economy moving again and get the fiscal house in order.

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Kudlow: Mike Pence, the producers are screaming at me. One lightning question. It's a bug that I have. And it comes from Scott Brown but it also comes from being a New Yorker. When are we going to stop lawyering up terrorists and throwing them into military court where they belong?

Pence: Well let me tell you, I think if we don't stop before November of 2010, we're going to stop right after it. I believe Republicans are going to take back the Congress, we're going to put our national security first, we're going to stop treating terrorists like ordinary criminals, we're going to put our fiscal house in order and pursue the kind of pro-growth tax relief that always has and always will keep this economy moving again.