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Mike talks about a bill he voted for to give an additional tax deduction for monies spent on education. Caller talked about a bill for student loans. Mike corrects her that the legislation that she is talking about was at the state level and not at the federal level. Larry asked about the omnibus energy bill that is before the congress. Mike is on a finance committee. One of the parts of the bill covers a trust for research and development to try to make our nation self- sufficient for energy. He hopes there is a breakthrough in energy efficiency. He considers the energy crisis a real crisis. He thinks the financial crisis could be serious for the United States. There was another question from a caller about stopping the Food and Drug Administration from limiting vitamins. Mike said he is opposed to the government limiting dosages. He thinks the government is taking the wrong stance. There was a question from a caller about halting the flow of money to South Korea, South Vietnam, and others. Mike said the military aid to these countries is a waste of money. He believes in self-determination for this country and other countries. He said in the recent past things looked bleak and comments about taking away the veil of secrecy in government. In a democracy you can only operate if the people know what is going on. He has more hope for a democracy today than there has been in a number of years.