

*This Congressman Nick Rahall 7/27/77*

I am once again disappointed but not discouraged at the decision by the House leadership to delay action on the Black Lung Reform Act, until after the August district work period.

It is unfortunate that due to the legislative log-jam, the reason given for the delay, this very important bill will be set aside.

Priority has been placed on the minimum wage bill and the energy legislation, which I can well understand. However, each day Congress delays action on the black lung bill, the more coal miners who definatly play an important role in our nation's energy needs, will suffer along with their families.

The Administration is opposed to this bill in its' present form, and it is very frustrating to me, but I am still confident that if a substitute is offered and accepted on the House floor to eliminate the auto-matic entitlement provision, this bill will not only pass the Congress, but will also be signed by the President.

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