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Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), says that the Tug Valley would receive over \$80 million in federal funds for flood control projects following the passage of a navigation development bill.

Rahall is pushing the inclusion of HR 6704, legislation he introduced that would authorize the design and construction of floodwalls, levees and other facilities necessary for flood protection; into HR 8309, the Navigation Development Act.

Congressman Rahall stated, "The Navigation Development Act contains federal funds for a number of U.S. Corps of Engineers projects. It is my hope to convince my colleagues that long-term flood protection for residents of southern West Virginia is just as important as a dam on the Mississippi River."

HR 8309, the Navigation Development Act authorizes \$432 million for the replacement of Locks and Dam 26 on the Mississippi River. The measure is scheduled for action by the House on Oct. 13 or 14.

Rahall explained, "Due to the efforts of Sen. Jennings Randolph, \$83 million in federal funds for floodwalls has been incorporated into the Senate version of the navigation act. I intend to be in contact with those members of the House, who will take part in the formulation of the final version of the navigation bill and urge their support for the Tug Valley projects."

Congressman Rahall pointed out, "The legislation I've introduced would make the Army Corps of Engineers responsible to see that protective facilities were put in place to prevent any future losses to southern West Virginia communities from the likelihood of flooding such as occurred last April."

Rahall said that he will begin a personal lobbying campaign to see that Tug Valley project is funded.

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