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# Nick Rahall

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WV), TODAY VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION THAT WOULD FORCE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

THE LEGISLATION, HR 9346, SOCIAL SECURITY FINANCING AMENDMENTS, IS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OCT. 19 AND 20. CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT, "THE MEASURE IS INTENDED TO RESTORE BOTH SHORT RANGE AND LONG RANGE SOUNDNESS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, WHILE ALSO MANDATING SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

"HR 9346, BY BRINGING FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE, AN ADDITIONAL 6 MILLION WORKERS WOULD BE ADDED TO AN ALREADY OVER-BURDENED PROGRAM," RAHALL STATED, "AND WHAT'S WORSE, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT EFFECT THE ADDITION OF THESE EMPLOYEES WILL HAVE ON THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED, "AT THE PRESENT TIME, OVER 2 MILLION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE 7% OF THEIR SALARY TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH THE GOOD FAITH EXPECTATION THAT THEY WILL HAVE, UPON RETIREMENT, SUFFICIENT INCOME TO MEET THEIR NEEDS IN LATER YEARS." RAHALL CHARGED THAT, "THIS BILL OFFERS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES NO GUARANTEES THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS THEY WERE PROMISED WHEN THEY JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED THAT ACCORDING TO CIVIL SERVICE FIGURES, THERE ARE ABOUT 3,600 FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. THIS DOES NOT COUNT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. "I BELIEVE THAT ALMOST EVERY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE IN THE DISTRICT HAS EITHER WRITTEN OR CALLED MY OFFICE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL," RAHALL OBSERVED.

RAHALL SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO SUPPORT THE FISHER AMENDMENT THAT WOULD STRIKE MANDATORY SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.