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Washington D.C. --- West Virginia Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-4th), has urged Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill to keep Congress in session until the Christmas holidays. At the present time, Congress is scheduled to adjourn in late October.

In a letter signed by Congressman Rahall and 44 of his colleagues, Rahall said, "The 95th Congress has before it many of the most challenging and difficult problems of recent history. Our constituents are beset by rising unemployment, soaring energy and health costs, continuing inflation, and many other pressing problems."

Rahall pointed out in the letter that, "The House of Representatives is expected to consider this Fall proposals submitted by the President dealing with tax reform, welfare reform, national health insurance. The House should also consider pending legislation dealing with energy, Social Security reform, illegal aliens, minimum wage, and a measure of great importance to miners, the Black Lung Reform Act of 1977."

Congressman Rahall and his colleagues said, "We do not feel that eight weeks is adequate time for Congress to come to grips with even a few of these measures. In our opinion, adjournment in October would be a great mistake."

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