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WASHINGTON D.C. --- U.S. REPRESENTATIVE NICK J. RAHALL (D-4TH), HAS CONTACTED THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND ASKED THEM TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF KERMINT, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE PROPOSED FLOOD PROTECTION PLANS.

IN A LETTER TO LT. GENERAL J.W. MORRIS, CHIEF OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "IN VIEW OF THE DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION ENCURRED ON THE TOWN OF KERMIT, CAUSED BY THE RECENT FLOODING IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT KERMIT IS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM ANY OF THE PROPOSED FLOOD PROTECTION PLANS OFFERED BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, I HEARBY REQUEST THAT THE CORPS IMPLEMENT A FEASIBLE FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF KERMIT AND INCLUDE IT, IF NECESSARY AND ADVISEABLE, IN THE LEGISLATION WHICH WAS REPORTED OUT OF THE SENATE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ON MAY 16, 1977."

RAHALL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ON THIS MATTER BECAUSE, "THERE CAN NEVER BE A CONFIDENCE OR A FEELING OF SAFETY FOR THE PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, IF THERE IS NO AFFECTIVE PLAN PUT INTO OPERATION TO PROTECT FROM A SIMILAR DISASTER IN THE FUTURE."

IN REGARDS TO THE LEGISLATION RAHALL INTRODUCED TO LOWER DISASTER LOAN INTEREST RATES, THE CONGRESSMAN SAID, "THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HAS STATED EARLY IN THE WEEK, THAT THEY WOULD FAVOR A LOWERING OF INTEREST RATES ON S.B.A. LOANS TO HOMES AND BUSINESSES." RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY, "I AM NOW HOPEFUL THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE QUICK ACTION ON MY LEGISLATION SO THAT THE FLOOD VICTIMS CAN BEGIN THE REBUILDING PROCESS."

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