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Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C. --- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall (D-4th), has introduced legislation that would amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 for the purpose of extending the program and increasing the amounts of coverage available to family home owners and businesses.

"The National Weather Service says that as many as 19 states, including West Virginia, could have flooding as rivers and streams try to absorb this winter's snow and ice," Rahall pointed out.

"The present coverage under the Flood Insurance program," Congressman Rahall said, "is \$35,000 on a single family dwelling and \$100,000 on all other types of buildings."

"My legislation will allow the Secretary of Labor to increase the amounts of coverage, as it is reflected by any increase in the cost of building materials and in wages paid to construction workers," the Raleigh County Democrat stated.

Insurance under the present program can be obtained from any insurance broker or agent licensed to sell property or casualty insurance in a community eligible under the program. Communities designated as flood prone, are areas that are likely to have a serious flood every 100 years.

Communities eligible in the 4th District of West Virginia are: Cabell County, Barboursville, Milton, Huntington, Logan County, Chapmanville, Logan, Man, Mitchell Heights, W. Logan, Wayne County, Ceredo, Ft. Gay, Kenova, Wayne, Mingo County, Delbarton, Gilbert, Kermit, Matewan, Williamson, Raleigh County, Beckley, Lester, Sophia, Rhodell, Wyoming County, Mullens, Oceana, Pineville, McDowell County, Anawalt, Davy, Vaegar, Keystone, Kimball, Northfork, War, Welch, Mercer County, Bluefield, Bramwell, Matoaka, Oakvale, Princeton.

Rahall's measure would also extend the insurance program to Sept. 1979.

Rahall concluded, "In the long-run, this insurance program is much cheaper than after-the-fact disaster relief and low interest loans. I hope those eligible for the program will take advantage of it."