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BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J.

RAHALL, SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS, "VERY PLEASED AT THE OUTCOME OF MY

SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING CONFERENCE. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A GOOD

IDEA OF WHAT IS NEEDED, AND HOW TO GO ABOUT DEALING WITH THE PROB
LEMS OF HOUSING IN OUR REGION OF THE STATE."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL MADE HIS COMMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON HOUSING HELD IN BECKLEY, THIS WEEK.

RAHALL STATED THAT, "BASED ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES IN HOUSING DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE, I PLAN TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IN THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS, THAT WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE REALIZED."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT, "LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED, MAY DEAL WITH LAND BANKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING; HEARINGS TO STUDY THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING AVAILABLE LAND, LAND OWNERSHIP, PROPERTY TAXATION, AND COORDINATION OF ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS ON THE STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL LEVEL."

"THE RECOMMENDATIONS I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE CONFERENCE, WILL BE PUT TOGETHER IN A LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, AND READIED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 96TH CONGRESS," RAHALL SAID.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE CAN MEET THE HORRENDOUS PROBLEMS OF PROVIDING DECENT HOUSING TO THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA. IT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, THAT THIS REGION FACES A MASSIVE BOOST IN COAL-RELATED JOBS. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO MEET THIS SITUATION HEAD-ON, AND HAVE WELL-THOUGHT OUT PLANS TO HOUSE THESE FAMILIES."