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WASHINGTON D.C. --- FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J.
RAHALL, (D-WV), ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HEARINGS WILL BE HELD ON
LEGISLATION HE INTRODUCED THAT WILL ESTABLISH THE NEW RIVER GORGE,
A NATIONAL RIVER.

A JOINT HEARING OF HOUSE AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEES DEALING WITH THE MEASURE WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 3, IN WASHINGTON.

THE TWO COMMITTEES, HOUSE NATIONAL PARKS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE SENATE PARKS AND RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL BE CHAIRED BY SENATOR JAMES ABOUREZK, (D-SOUTH DAKOTA).

THE HEARINGS COME AT THE REQUEST OF RAHALL AND SENATOR JENNINGS RANDOLPH, (D-WV). RANDOLPH HAS ALSO INTRODUCED A SIMILER MEASURE, S. 2866.

Congressman Rahall's BILL, HR 12001, IS CO-SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN HARLEY O. STAGGERS, (D-WV).

"I AM VERY PLEASED THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT LEGISLATION," RAHALL SAID. "THE NEW RIVER GORGE HAS GREAT SCENIC BEAUTY, THAT MUST BE PROTECTED."

COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THIS LEGISLATION EITHER BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, OR FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR."