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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), announced today that he is convening a Southern West Virginia Housing Conference to, "Encourage the development of recommendations to improve housing in southern West Virginia."

The Conference will take place at the Mine, Health and Safety Academy in Beckley, on October 17, 1978. Along with the opening hearings on Oct. 17, Congressman Rahall stated that, "Seminars will be held on Oct. 18 and Oct. 19, to study what resources are available to improve housing in the region."

Congressman Rahall observed, "Flooding, economic growth and the increased demand for coal has created an unprecedented need for housing at a time when environmental regulations, increased land cost, and higher construction costs have made needed housing more difficult to acquire."

"The opening hearings," Rahall pointed out, "will secure information from a broad range of individuals in the public and private sectors. I am especially interested in receiving legislative and administrative recommendations to improve the operation of the federal housing programs."

The three-day session is being arranged in conjunction with the Housing Assistance Council.

Congressman Rahall said that the public is invited to attend the hearings and to submit written testimony for the record.

"By holding these hearings," Rahall concluded, "I hope to continue to highlight the housing needs of southern West Virginia, and to take on the massive need for housing throughout the region."

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