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# Nick Rahall

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Washington D.C. --- Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, (D-WV), has voiced his strong support for a bill that will provide \$250 Million in federal funds to fix potholes on the nation's roads.

Congressman Rahall, a co-sponsor of HR 10924, said, "This measure is of direct help to the residents of southern West Virginia. Anyone who has driven over our roads recently, will agree with the need for this legislation."

Rahall pointed out that, "This Federal assistance will be available not only for the Federal highway system, but for all paved public roads and streets, including bridges, rail-highway crossing, and urban rail lines, other than railroads." Congressman Rahall also stated that, "Funds can be used for city and local streets and roads, as the State may determine."

The Federal aid will cover pothole damage that has resulted from the weather during the winter of 1977-78, and each State applying for such help must obligate the funds for repair work by June 15 of this year.

Rahall explained that, "In determining the amounts to go to the various States, the Secretary of Transportation is directed under the bill to take into account a variety of factors including, the weather before April 1 of this year, vehicle miles of traffic on public roads, and the amount of paved public mileage in the State."

The \$250 Million funding for this measure, is to be drawn from the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

"I am very pleased to have been a sponsor of this measure," Congressman Rahall said, "knowing the shape West Virginia's roads are in after the severe winter." Rahall pointed out that, "I have many personnel accounts of teeth-jarring encounters with potholes over the last few weeks as I traveled throughout southern West Virginia. This legislation is a very good example of Federal tax dollars coming back into the region which needs Federal assistance."