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## RAHALL OPPOSES TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, TODAY LASHED OUT AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION TO TAX SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

"AT THIS TIME OF DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS ARE ALREADY HAVING TROUBLE MAKING ENDS MEET," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED.

"THE RECOMMENDATION TO TAX A PERSON'S SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IS SENSELESS AND INSENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OVER 10.5 MILLION AMERICANS," RAHALL SAID.

RECENTLY, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SOCIAL SECURITY COMPLETED AN 18 MONTH STUDY, IN WHICH IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HALF OF A PERSON'S SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS SHOULD BE TAXED.

AS WELL AS OPPOSING A TAX ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL HAS JOINED IN SPONSORING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR A TWICE-A-YEAR COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

"WHENEVER INFLATION EXCEEDS 6 PERCENT FOR A YEAR," RAHALL EXPLAINED, "COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE MADE TWICE, INSTEAD OF ONCE."

THE BILL, HR 2139, HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "AT THE PRESENT TIME, 15 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE ELDERLY IN THE UNITED STATES, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, ARE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL."

"NOW IS THE TIME TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING, NOT DECREASE IT," RAHALL STATED.

"FOR YEARS THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM HAS HAD THE SUPPORT OF EVERY WORKING MAN AND WOMAN IN THIS COUNTRY, THIS NEW TAX WOULD DESTROY THE FAITH THESE PEOPLE HAVE HAD IN THEIR GOVERNMENT AND ITS PROGRAMS," RAHALL CONCLUDED.