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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESS-  
MAN NICK J. RAHALL, WILL OFFER THREE MAJOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FY  
1980 ENERGY DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL WHICH IS BEING CON-  
SIDERED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TODAY.

RAHALL'S PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

- AN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR COAL  
MINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FROM \$48 MILLION TO  
\$68 MILLION.
- AN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL  
COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES BY 25%,  
WHICH TOTAL \$88.7 MILLION.
- AN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR TWO SOLVENT  
REFINED COAL (SRC) FACILITIES TO \$585 MILLION EACH.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED, "CONGRESS HAS BEEN CHALLENGED, AND  
WE MUST ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE AND THE REALITY THAT WE MUST LED  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OUT OF THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS."

RAHALL CONCEEDED, "MY AMENDMENTS WILL COST MONEY, BUT SHOULD  
WE BE PENNY-WISE-AND-POUND-FOOLISH AT A TIME WHEN MORE THAN EVER  
WE MUST PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE."

"WE HAVE ENOUGH COAL TO LAST THE NATION FOR ALMOST 400 YEARS,"  
RAHALL POINTED OUT, " BUT WE MUST KNOW HOW TO USE IT IN THE MOST  
EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE WAYS, AND THROUGH MY AMENDMENTS,  
I BELIEVE THE RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED TO DO JUST THAT."

"OVER 10 YEARS AGO, CONGRESS WAS CHALLENGED TO PROVIDE THE  
FUNDS TO PUT A MAN ON THE MOON. TODAY WE ARE CHALLENGED TO MAKE  
THE UNITED STATES ENERGY INDEPENDENT. I AM SURE MY COLLEAGUES  
WILL JOIN ME IN THIS EFFORT."

THE D.O.E. LEGISLATION (HR 3000), AUTHORIZES \$8.5 BILLION  
FOR THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT IN FY 1980.