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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COAL GROUP WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COAL COMMISSION.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR JAY ROCKEFELLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE COAL COMMISSION, ARRANGED THE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE COAL COMMISSION'S RECENT REPORT ON SUBSTITUTING COAL FOR OIL.

"WE ALSO EXPECT TO DISCUSS WAYS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN INCREASE THE PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF COAL," RAHALL SAID.

THE CONGRESSMAN WENT ON TO SAY, "I AM SURE MENTION OF POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS IN THE SURFACE MINING ACT WILL COME UP IN OUR DISCUSSIONS; MODIFICATIONS I AM WORKING FOR IN THE HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE."

"I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE NOTES ON THE COAL SITUATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE COAL COMMISSION," RAHALL STATED, "AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WILL WELCOME THE COORDINATION OF OUR EFFORTS."

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOON, ON JULY 18.

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