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WASHINGTON D.C. --- "CONGRESS MUST COMBAT THE EVER INCREASING WEIGHT OF GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS THAT ARE STIFFLING OUR ECONOMY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," STATED FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING HR 1776, A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW CONGRESS TO VETO ANY FEDERAL RULE OR REGULATION.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MEASURE POINTED OUT, "THIS LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH EFFECT EVERY AMERICAN, BE REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHICH IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE VOTERS."

RAHALL OBSERVED, "AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, MANY OF THE COSTS THAT RESULT ARE BOURNE BY BUSINESS AND ARE USUALLY INCLUDED IN THE PRICES PAID BY CONSUMERS."

RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY, "WE IN CONGRESS MUST WEIGH THE PRICE REGULATIONS WILL HAVE ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE RESULT IS WORTH THE COST."

AS AN EXAMPLE, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED TO THE REGULATIONS WRITTEN BY THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING.

RAHALL SAID, "I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE THAT WORKED OUT THE FINAL VERSION OF THE SURFACE MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT, A LAW WHICH I BELIEVED WOULD STRIKE A PROPER BALANCE TO ALLOW FOR COAL PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION WHILE AFFORDING PROTECTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT."

"HOWEVER," RAHALL STATED, "I REGRET THAT IN MANY INSTANCES THE REGULATIONS SET DOWN BY THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING EXCEED THE INTENT OF THE LAW."

"THROUGH HR 1776," RAHALL CONCLUDED, "I BELIEVE WE CAN PROVIDE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH THE PROPER OVERSIGHT AND CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS."