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WASHINGTON D.C. --- "THE TIME IS NOW TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE EXPANDED PRODUCTION AND USE OF COAL, AND EVEN THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY HAS SAID SO," STATED WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FOLLOWING HIS REMARKS, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL RELEASED A 12 PAGE MEMORANDUM FROM SECRETARY OF ENERGY JAMES SCHLESINGER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE MEANS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF COAL.

"THE SECRETARY SAYS, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REQUIRE MUCH GREATER USE OF COAL IN ORDER TO GRAPPLE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEMS OF THE 1980'S AND 90'S. WITHOUT GREATLY EXPANDED USE OF COAL, THIS COUNTRY JUST MAY NOT MAKE IT," RAHALL QUOTED FROM THE REPORT.

"THE WHITE HOUSE, AS OF YET, HAS MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS MEMO," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AND I BELIEVE IT IS TIME THAT WE MOVE AHEAD WITH A PROGRAM THAT WILL PUT TO USE OUR MOST ABUNDANT ENERGY RESOURCE."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WENT ON TO SAY, "TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF WHAT COAL CAN DO FOR THIS NATION'S ENERGY CRISIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND I BELIEVE THIS MEMORANDUM MAKES IT VERY CLEAR."

"TO HOLD BACK THIS INFORMATION, WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHO HAVE BEEN ASKING, WHY NOT COAL?" RAHALL CHARGED.

RAHALL'S COMMENTS CAME DURING THE CONSIDERATION OF HR 4388, THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL, A MEASURE WHICH CONTAINS GENERAL INVESTIGATION FUNDS FOR THE: TUG FORK VALLEY, GUYANDOTTE RIVER BASIN, THE BIG SANDY RIVER, AND THE METRO REGION OF HUNTINGTON.

THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS OPERATIONAL FUNDS FOR THE: BEECH FORK LAKE, EAST LYNN LAKE, R.D. BAILEY LAKE, AND BLUESTONE LAKE.