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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA --- "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT INFLATION, GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND INEFFICIENCY MUST BE ATTACKED, HOWEVER WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE ISSUES," WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL, SAID IN A SPEECH AT THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HUNTINGTON DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S REMARKS CENTERED ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED FUNDING CUT-BACKS IN PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

RAHALL STATED, "THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED TO CUT PUBLIC WORKS JOBS BY \$732 MILLION, WHICH WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF 158,000 JOBS FOR ADULTS AND 238,000 JOBS FOR TEENAGERS BY THE END OF 1980" THE BECKLEY DEMOCRAT OBSERVED, "BY NOT SPENDING TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK, THEY WILL HAVE TO RELY ON FOOD STAMPS AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE."

"IN THE LONG RUN," RAHALL SAID, "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYS MORE FOR NOT CREATING JOBS, THAN FOR CREATING JOBS."

"THE SECURITY OF THIS NATION RESTS AS MUCH ON PUTTING PEOPLE IN PRODUCTIVE JOBS, AS IT DOES ON SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS," RAHALL CHARGED.

"THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS," RAHALL SAID, "WOULD AFFECT 7 MILLION AMERICANS BY 1984, MOST OF THEM BEING THE SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS OF DECEASED, DISABLED OR RETIRED WORKERS."

"TO DENY INDIVIDUALS THEIR EARNED SOCIAL SECURITY AND REQUIRE THEM TO LIVE ON WELFARE ROLLS, IS A STEP BACKWARDS," RAHALL STATED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO THE CUT-BACKS WAS NOT A SPECIFIC ATTACK AT PRESIDENT CARTER. "HOWEVER," RAHALL OBSERVED, "GAINS ON THE FOREIGN POLICY SIDE DO NOT RECTIFY THE ILLS RIGHT HERE AT HOME."

RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY THAT, "THE UNCERTAIN ATMOSPHERE IN THE COAL INDUSTRY IS COSTING THOUSANDS OF WEST VIRGINIA MINERS THEIR JOBS. WHEN LAYOFFS OCCUR, IT ALSO MEANS A LOSS OF REVENUE FOR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSMEN; IN TOTAL IT MEANS A DEPRESSED ECONOMY IN WEST VIRGINIA."

"NEITHER A SINGLE-SHOT EFFORT FOR POLITICAL GAIN, NOR A QUICK FIX APPROACH TO THE ECONOMY WILL HELP OF OUR NATION, WE NEED A TOTAL

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COMMITMENT, RAHALL CONCLUDED.

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