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CONGRESSMAN

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RAHALL PUSHES EFFORTS TO PROTECT SENIORS & VETS

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "CONGRESS IS WILLING TO TAKE THE PAINFUL STEPS NECESSARY TO LIMIT GOVERNMENT SPENDING, BUT WILL DEMAND THAT SUCH STEPS AFFECT NOT JUST SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS AND VETERANS," WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL SAID.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S COMMENTS WERE MADE IN SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION JUST INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO OPPOSE ANY DELAY IN COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERANS' PENSION RECIPIENTS.

RAHALL POINTED OUT, "SOCIAL SECURITY IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME FOR MOST OLDER AMERICANS. IT PROVIDES AT LEAST ONE HALF OF THE TOTAL SUPPORT FOR ALMOST 3 OUT OF 4 ELDERLY PERSONS WHO RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY."

"IT IS FOR THIS REASON I BELIEVE," RAHALL STRESSED, "THAT SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS WILL SWELL THE RANKS OF THE ELDERLY POOR."

"INFLATION INFLICTS ITS GREATEST HARDSHIPS ON THIS MOST VULNERABLE GROUP," RAHALL OBSERVED.

IN REFERENCE TO AMERICAN VETERANS, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "THEY HAVE PROVEN THEIR COURAGE AND LOVE FOR THIS COUNTRY. IT IS UNFAIR TO TAKE AWAY FROM THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DEARLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS, "PLEASED WITH THE PASSAGE OF HR 3995, WHICH INCREASES BENEFITS BY AN AVERAGE OF 11.3 PERCENT FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS WHO HAVE DIED."

"IT IS CLEAR TO US ALL THAT DRASTIC STEPS ARE NEEDED TO REDUCE THE FEDERAL DEFICIT AND TO PUT AMERICA ON A MORE STABLE ECONOMIC COURSE," RAHALL STATED, "BUT IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT ANY SUCH EFFORT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A FAIR MANNER, WITH NO SEGMENT OF OUR SOCIETY BEARING A GREATER BURDEN."