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U.S. GOVERNOR'S SUPPORT RAHALL COAL BILL

WASHINGTON D.C. --- THE NATIONAL GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION, AT THEIR RECENT MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FEDERAL COAL CONVERSION BILL, AS INTRODUCED BY WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

"OUR EFFORTS TO PUSH FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE COAL CONVERSION BILL HAVE RECEIVED A BIG BOOST," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION.

RAHALL'S BILL, HR 2325, THE COAL UTILIZATION INCENTIVES ACT OF 1981, WOULD PROVIDE SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR UTILITY CONVERSION TO COAL AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO WEAN THIS NATION FROM ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

"IT IS EVIDENT THAT OUR NATION'S GOVERNORS REALIZE THAT COAL CONVERSION CAN OFFER A SOLUTION TO THE AVAILABILITY PROBLEMS OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT.

"WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, NOW BEING JOINED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION, WE HAVE BUILT A STRONG BASE OF SUPPORT FOR COAL CONVERSION," RAHALL STATED.

"IN THE COMING WEEKS, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH GOVERNORS FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES WHO REALIZE THAT COAL IS THE KEY TO AMERICA'S ENERGY INDEPENDENCE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "AND IT IS MY HOPE TO EXPAND THIS COALITION AMONG MEMBERS OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE," RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DAN ROSTENKOWSKI, AND URGE THAT HEARINGS ON THE COAL CONVERSION BILL BEGIN SOON AFTER CONGRESS RETURNS TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY, 38 COSPONSORS OF HR 2325.