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RAHALL WANTS COAL CONVERSION IN TAX BILL

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANTS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF BURNING COAL-AND DO NOT, ARE ROBBING THEIR CUSTOMERS OF LOWER RATES, AND ARE KEEPING SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA'S COAL MINERS FROM WORKING," SAID CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL IN A LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE TAX BILL.

RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, HAS WRITTEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND HAVE URGED THEIR SUPPORT OF A SENATE PASSED PROVISION IN THE TAX BILL, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANTS TO CONVERT TO COAL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT TO THE CONFEREES, "THE POTENTIAL SAVINGS FROM REDUCED OIL USE BY THIS PROVISION COULD BE \$6.5 BILLION BY THE YEAR 1985."

"CONVERSION TO COAL IS A NATIONAL PRIORITY," RAHALL STRESSED. "SUCH ACTION WILL FURTHER THE REDUCTION OF AMERICA'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN, AND OFTEN HIGHLY VOLATILE, SOURCES OF ENERGY, WHILE EXPANDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN WEST VIRGINIA," RAHALL SAID.

THE SENATE PROVISION ON COAL CONVERSION, WAS MODELED AFTER THE COAL CONVERSION BILL INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EARLIER IN THE YEAR, AND WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE COALITION OF NORTHEASTERN GOVERNORS.