WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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ENERGY, WATER BILL APPROVED

WASHINGTON D.C. --- THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS PASSED A MAJOR ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL, "WHICH CONTAINS OVER \$33 MILLION FOR PROJECTS IN WEST VIRGINIA, AND ANOTHER \$217 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS WHICH BENEFIT OUR STATE," SAID FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL.

"THIS MEASURE PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE CONTINUATION

OF MANY IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN WEST VIRGINIA," RAHALL OBSERVED. THEY

ARE:

BEECH FORK LAKE \$2,070,000
BURNSVILLE LAKE \$5.6 MILLION
R.D. BAILEY LAKE \$6 MILLION
STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE \$17.8 MILLION

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, "SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS IN THE STATE." SUCH AS:

BEECH FORK LAKE \$485,000 BLUESTONE LAKE \$584,000 \$683,000 BURNSVILLE LAKE EAST LYNN LAKE \$696,000 KANAWHA RIVER (NAVIGATION) \$4.9 MILLION \$627,000 R.D. BAILEY LAKE SUMMERSVILLE LAKE \$980,000 SUTTON LAKE TYGART LAKE \$1 MILLION \$890,000

"OF IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF COAL IN WEST VIRGINIA," RAHALL STATED, "IS THE \$1.6 MILLION FUNDING FOR THE STUDY OF THE GALLIPOLIS LOCKS AND DAM IMPROVEMENT. AN UPGRADING OF THIS SYSTEM IS IMPERATIVE TO THE MOVEMENT OF COAL, AND I AM PLEASED AT THIS APPROPRIATION."

1982 FUNDING FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION IS A PART OF THIS BILL AS WELL. "HR 4144, WILL PROVIDE THE ARC WITH \$215 MILLION FOR HIGHWAY PROGRAMS, AREA DEVELOPMENT, AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COUNCILS," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED.

"I AM PROUD THAT THE HOUSE WAS ABLE TO FUND THESE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS FOR OUR STATE, WHILE STILL PASSING A BILL WHICH WAS \$6.9 MILLION BELOW WHAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD REQUESTED," RAHALL SAID.