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RAHALL: WWI VETS WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "ALTHOUGH THE POLITICAL CLIMATE MAY BE RIGHT FOR SOME TO SET ASIDE THE NEEDS OF AMERICA'S VETERANS--IT IS NOT FOR ME," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL AT A HEARING OF THE HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WAS TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF HR 1918, THE WORLD WAR I VETERANS PENSION ACT. RAHALL IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MEASURE.

"THOSE WHO CALL OUT FOR BUDGET CUTS, HAVE SOMEHOW FORGOTTEN THOSE WHO FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH," RAHALL STRESSED. "THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL PLEDGED.

HR 1918, WOULD PROVIDE \$150 A MONTH FOR EACH WORLD WAR I VETERAN. "THIS IS NOT A SUBSTANTIAL SUM, WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT CANADA PAYS THEIR WORLD WAR I VETERANS \$400 A MONTH," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT.

RAHALL PRAISED THOSE WORLD WAR I VETERANS WHO TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON D.C., ESPECIALLY A GROUP FROM HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

"THEIR PRESENCE AT THIS HEARING IS SIGNIFICANT," RAHALL SAID, "BECAUSE THEY HAVE STOOD BEHIND THEIR COUNTRY, EVEN WHEN THEIR COUNTRY DID NOT STAND BEHIND THEM."

"VETERANS HAVE BEEN HARDER HIT THAN ALMOST ANY SEGMENT OF OUR SOCIETY BY THE BUDGET-CUTTERS," RAHALL OBSERVED. "THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL IS IMPERATIVE, AND I STAND COMMITTED TO SEE IT APPROVED," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID.

THE GROUP OF VETERANS FROM HUNTINGTON INCLUDED: C.E. DUVALL, HERMAN WILLIAMS, H.G. BOOSINGER, AND SHELBY WATT.