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RAHALL INTRODUCES VETERANS BILLS

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "AMERICA'S VETERANS DESERVE A FAIR DEAL, AND I PLAN TO WORK TO SEE THAT THEY RECEIVE IT," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, AS HE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION FOR VETERANS.

"ONE MEASURE, HR 1270," RAHALL EXPLAINED, "PROVIDES THE MECHANISM FOR VETERANS WHOSE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN DENIED, TO HAVE THEIR CLAIMS REVIEWED."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S JUDICIAL REVIEW LEGISLATION WILL ALSO PROVIDE FOR A REASONABLE FEE FOR ATTORNEYS RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS.

RAHALL POINTED OUT, "THE INABILITY TO HAVE DENIED CLAIMS REVIEWED IS ONE OF THE MOST FRUSTRATING AND DISTRESSING SITUATIONS WHICH VETERANS ENCOUNTER TODAY." THE CONGRESSMAN WENT ON TO SAY, "WHILE RECIPIENTS OF OTHER FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS CAN FILE SUIT IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT TO CHALLENGE THE DECISION, VETERANS ARE DENIED THIS PRIVILEGE."

"MY BILL WILL CHANGE THIS SITUATION," RAHALL STRESSED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ALSO INTRODUCED, H.J. RES. 178, A BILL THAT HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, AND VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

"THIS MEASURE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "WILL RETURN THREE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS TO THEIR TRADITIONAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE. THEY ARE: WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, FEB. 22; MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30; AND COLUMBUS DAY, OCTOBER 12."

"AMERICA HAS A STRONG HERITAGE THAT IS IMPORTANT AND MUST BE MAINTAINED," RAHALL STATED. "THESE ARE SPECIAL DAYS, AND THEY SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE MANNER ORIGINALLY INTENDED."

H.J. RES. IS THE HOUSE VERSION OF A BILL EARLIER INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JENNINGS RANDOLPH.