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## NORTHEASTERN GOVERNORS ENDORSE RAHALL COAL BILL

WASHINGTON D.C. --- THE COALITION OF NORTHEASTERN GOVERNORS HAS APPROVED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A FEDERAL COAL CONVERSION BILL, BASED ON THE MEASURE INTRODUCED BY WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WAS INFORMED OF THE RESOLUTION BY MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR EDWARD KING, A MEMBER OF THE COALITION.

"I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE NORTHEASTERN GOVERNORS," RAHALL SAID, "AND I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THEY HAVE ENDORSED A COAL CONVERSION PROCESS BASED ON TAX INCENTIVES, SIMILAR TO MY BILL, HR 2325."

"THE SUPPORT OF THESE LEADERS IS IMPERATIVE TO THE PASSAGE OF A COAL CONVERSION BILL," RAHALL STRESSED, "BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT THE REGION OF THIS COUNTRY THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE MOST FROM THE CONVERSION OF OIL BURNING ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS TO COAL."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "THE CONVERSION TO COAL OF TWO MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC PLANTS AT BRAYTON POINT AND SALEM HARBOR, IS ALREADY SHOWING PROGRESS IN THE SAVING OF MONEY AND IMPORTED OIL."

"THE BRAYTON POINT FACILITY IS EXPECTED TO SAVE \$169 MILLION A YEAR BY BURNING COAL, AND THE SALEM HARBOR PLANT IS ESTIMATED TO SAVE IN EXCESS OF \$54 MILLION A YEAR BY USING COAL," RAHALL POINTED OUT.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND, AND IT SEEMS TO BE THE BELIEF OF THESE GOVERNORS, THAT COAL IS THE ENERGY SOURCE OF FUTURE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID. "WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THE GOAL OF GREATER COAL UTILIZATION, BUT I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS BEING MADE," RAHALL CONCLUDED.