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RAHALL PUSHES ALTERNATIVE ENERGY BUDGET

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "IF THE PRIORITIES OUTLINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION REMAIN UNCHANGED IN THE ENERGY BUDGET OF 1982, THE UNITED STATES WILL LOSE THE PROGRESS IT HAS MADE IN DEVELOPING COAL AND OTHER DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCES," SAID FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL HAS JOINED AN EFFORT TO PRESENT AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY BUDGET, WHICH STAYS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION'S SPENDING GUIDELINES, YET INCREASES SPENDING FOR COAL AND OTHER DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCES.

"THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SUBMITTED A BUDGET TO CONGRESS WHICH WOULD EARMARK \$381 MILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COAL," RAHALL POINTED OUT. "THE NEW ALTERNATIVE BUDGET WOULD INCREASE THAT FIGURE TO \$573 MILLION."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED, "BY REDUCING THE ADMINISTRATION'S SPENDING PROPOSALS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY BY \$475 MILLION, PROGRAMS FOR COAL AND ENERGY CONSERVATION CAN BE EXPANDED, WHILE STAYING WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S SPENDING CEILING."

"AS A MATTER OF FACT," RAHALL STRESSED, "THE ALTERNATIVE BUDGET WOULD SAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION MORE THAN THE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET."

"AMERICA'S ECONOMIC ILLS GO HAND-IN-HAND WITH OUR RELIANCE ON IMPORTED OIL," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID. "TO FORM A COHERENT NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, PRIORITIES MUST BE GIVEN TO OUR MOST ABUNDANT DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCE, COAL," RAHALL STRESSED.

THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY BUDGET CONGRESSMAN RAHALL IS ADVOCATING, WILL BE PRESENTED TO HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES JONES, FOR REVIEW.

"A BALANCED APPROACH TO OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS WILL LEAD TO A MORE RAPID RESTORATION OF OUR NATION'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING," RAHALL CONCLUDED.