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CONGRESSMAN

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WASHINGTON D.C. U.S. CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, (D-WV), HAS WRITTEN WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR JAY ROCKEFELLER TO ENLIST HIS SUPPORT FOR RAHALL'S NEW COAL CONVERSION LEGISLATION.

IN A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL SAID, "AS ONE OF LAST YEAR'S LEADERS IN THE EFFORT FOR COAL CONVERSION, I AM WRITING TO ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VITAL LEGISLATION."

RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY, "I AM HOPEFUL YOU WILL CONTACT YOUR FELLOW GOVERNORS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT AS WELL."

ON MARCH 4, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL INTRODUCED HR 2325, THE COAL UTILIZATION INCENTIVES ACT OF 1981. AS RAHALL POINTED OUT, "THIS BILL PROVIDES TAX INCENTIVES, RATHER THAN DIRECT SUBSIDIES TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES WISHING TO CONVERT THEIR FACILITIES FROM OIL OR NATURAL GAS TO COAL."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL TOLD ROCKEFELLER, "WHILE I NEED NOT RECAP THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE DEMISE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S OIL-GAS BACKOUT BILL, I DO BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS NEW INITIATIVE."

RAHALL OBSERVED, "I BELIEVE THIS MEASURE IS MORE IN LINE WITH THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S CONCEPT OF SPURRING BUSINESS THROUGH INCENTIVES."

"INFLATION MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED IN HIS LETTER. "TO DO THIS, OUR RELIANCE ON FOREIGN OIL MUST BE DRAMTICALLY REDUCED AND COAL PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION MUST INCREASE. I BELIEVE HR 2325 CAN ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS," RAHALL STATED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL IS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP. HIS COAL CONVERSION BILL ALREADY HAS THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER COAL INDUSTRY GROUPS AND THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA.

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