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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WILL MEET WITH THE NEW ENERGY SECRETARY, JAMES EDWARDS, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN H-236 OF THE CAPITOL, AT 10AM, AND CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND SECRETARY EDWARDS WILL BE JOINED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP.

"Our main topic of discussion," Rahall said, "will certainly be the Reagan Administration's postition on the greater production and use of coal."

"We will also be concerned with the FY 1982 Federal Budget," Rahall observed, "That the Carter Administration increased by 44 percent for coal research and development monies."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "WE WILL URGE THAT THESE FUNDS BE SPARED THE BUDGETARY AX."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AND SEC. EDWARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LAST 45 MINUTES.