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RAHALL RELEASES SURVEY RESULTS

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick Rahall, released the results of his 1981 4th District Survey saying, "I am pleased with the enthusiastic response I received to this questionnaire."

Rahall pointed out that, "over 35,000 residents of the Fourth District expressed their views on twelve important issues."

The questions ranged from coal conversion, social security, and taxes, to military aid to El Salvador.

This is the third District-wide survey Congressman Rahall has asked his constituents to respond to. "I send out a questionnaire at the beginning of each Congress," Rahall stated, "because it is important to have the opinions of the people."

Results are listed below:

		Yes	No
1. COAL:	Should Congress provide tax breaks to electric utility companies wishing to convert their facilities from oil or natural gas to coal?	79%	21%
2. ECONOMY:	Do you support President Reagan's effort to reduce federal spending — even if it would mean cutbacks in government assistance programs affecting you?	61%	39%
3. ROADS:	Would you favor legislation to provide Federal funds for the repair and construction of roads used to transport coal?	68%	32%
4. DEFENSE:	Do you favor an increase in defense spending?	63%	37%
5. IMPORTS:	Do you believe the government should impose trade import quotas on foreign autos, coal and steel?	70%	30%
6. TAXES:	Should Congress cut taxes before balancing the Federal Budget?	52%	48%
7. BLACK LUNG:	Do you feel the eligibility requirements for black lung benefits should be made stricter, as suggested by the President?	53%	47%
8. FOOD STAMPS:	It has been proposed that food stamps be eliminated, except for those who are truly needy. Do you support this action?	75%	25%
9. SOCIAL SECURITY:	Do you favor twice-a-year cost of living increases for social security recipients?	81%	19%
10. SYN-FUELS:	Should the Federal Government provide financial assistance to companies wishing to develop synthetic fuels?	65%	35%
11. SOVIET UNION:	At the present time, do you feel the United States is weaker in world affairs and defense capability than the Soviet Union?	69%	31%
12. TROOPS:	Should the United States continue funding for military advisors and arms to El Salvador, or any other country fighting Communism?	51%	49%