

TAPE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 28

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

ON OCTOBER 1 OF THIS YEAR, ALMOST 400,000 RAILROAD RETIREES WERE SHOCKED WHEN THEY RECEIVED THEIR MONTHLY PENSION CHECK AND FOUND THAT THEIR EARNED RETIREMENT BENEFIT WAS CUT. ON THAT DAY, THE DUAL BENEFIT COMPONENT RECEIVED BY 40 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S RAILROAD RETIREES WAS REDUCED BY 21 PERCENT.

EFFORTS WERE MADE TO ~~REXXXXXX~~ RESTORE FULL BENEFITS TO THESE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, BUT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION BLOCKED EACH ATTEMPT, CLAIMING THAT SPENDING CUTBACKS WERE NECESSARY.

I HAVE STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS CUT IN RAILROAD RETIREMENT PENSIONS, AND HAVE SUPPORTED ~~REXXXXXX~~ FULL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO RETIREES.

WHEN CONGRESS GOES BACK INTO SESSION NEXT MONTH, I WILL AGAIN WORK TO UPHOLD THE COMMITMENT OUR GOVERNMENT MADE ~~AM~~ MANY YEARS AGO TO THE RAILROAD WORKERS OF THIS NATION.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.