

TAPE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 7

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

RECENTLY PRESIDENT REAGAN STATED THAT HE WAS RESCUING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM "40 YEARS OF MISTAKES", AND PROTECTING THE NATION FROM A RECKLESSLY WASTEFUL CONGRESS.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT FAILED TO POINT OUT HOWEVER, WAS THAT SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS VOTED TO SPEND \$700 MILLION LESS THAN MR. REAGAN REQUESTED.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, SINCE 1943, CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED LESS MONEY EVERY YEAR EXCEPT ONE--THAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY 7 PRESIDENTS OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME. IN TRUTH, CONGRESS HAS POSITIVELY AND CONSISTENTLY ATTEMPTED TO CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING PRUDENT ^{fiscal} DECISIONS ~~ON FEDERAL SPENDING.~~

AT THE PRESENT TIME, THIS NATION IS IN A RECESSION--A RECESSION THAT IS ADDING TO THE FEDERAL DEFICIT \$27 BILLION FOR EVERY SINGLE POINT RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT. THIS IS ANOTHER FACT ^{of which} THAT ^{need to be made aware} ~~THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT TOLD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE--A FACT THAT~~ I ~~XXXXX~~ BELIEVE THEY WILL HOLD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR.

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