

TAPE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 2

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

A UNIQUE PROGRAMS WAS INITIATED RECENTLY IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AS THE FIRST SESSION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE WAS CALLED TO ORDER IN CHARLESTON.

THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE, COMPRISED OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL OVER OUR STATE, AGED 60 AND OVER WHO WERE ELECTED BY THEIR PEERS, PROVIDES THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH A FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. IT ALSO HELPS THEM FORMULATE ISSUE PRIORITIES, THAT IN THE FUTURE MAY BE OF BENEFIT TO OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR STATE.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CONCEPT, AND BELIEVE THAT AT A TIME WHEN OLDER AMERICANS ARE FACING SEVERE HARDSHIPS DUE TO INFLATION AND THE ELIMINATION OF IMPORTANT ASSITANCE PROGRAMS, THE SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE DRAWS ATTENTION TO THESE MAJOR CONCERNS, WITH THE HOPE THAT WE ALL WILL RECOGNIZE THE PRICELESS CONTRIBUTIONS OLDER AMERICANS CAN STILL MAKE TO OUR STATE AND NATION.

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