

TAPE FOR WEEK OF OCT. 12

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECENTLY APPROVED A BILL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. CONTAINED IN THIS LEGISLATION WERE MONIES FOR THE MINE, HEALTH AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.

BECAUSE OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED BY THE ~~XXXX~~ MINING INDUSTRY, ALONG WITH MSHA, COAL CAN NOW BE MINED EFFICIENTLY, CLEANLY AND SAFELY. IT IS THE GOAL OF THOSE OF US IN CONGRESS WHO REALIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS IN MINING COAL, TO KEEP THE MINE, HEALTH AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONING AND PERFORMING A WORTHWHILE SERVICE.

RECENTLY EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN IN THE SENATE TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE FUNDING FOR MSHA, AND TO ME THIS WAS A VERY UNFORTUNATE AND MISGUIDED ACTION.

COAL IS A MOST VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE, AND ONE THAT WILL BE CALLED UPON TO POWER THE WHEELS OF INDUSTRY AND TO HEAT HOMES IN THE COMING YEARS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTIONS OF MSHA, WHICH IS AIMED AT PROTECTING HUMAN LIVES.

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