

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUG. 17.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE UNITED STATES BE STRONG MILITARILY, AND I FULLY REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS NATION HAVING THE CAPACITY AND THE RESOURCES TO PROTECT FREEDOM.

"TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PRESERVING THE PEACE," GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID; BUT IF WASTEFUL SPENDING CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS, IT CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED IN DEFENSE PROGRAMS EITHER.

THEREFORE, I HAVE JOINED WITH A NUMBER OF ^{MY} COLLEAGUES IN OFFERING A RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REMOVE WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY FROM THE PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS OF OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

IT CONCERNS ME, WHEN COST OVERRUNS FOR THE NAVY'S F-16 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PROGRAM ARE FIVE TIMES GREATER THAN WHAT IT WOULD COST TO CONVERT 77 OIL-BURNING UTILITY PLANTS TO COAL.

IF REDUCING THE FEDERAL DEFICIET IS EVER TO BECOME A REALITY, THE ENTIRE FEDERAL BUDGET MUST BE TRIMMED OF WASTE AND FAT.

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