

CONG. NICK RAHALL REPORTS

WEEK OF 6/1

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

ONE MINUTE

PLEASE RETURN TAPE

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 1

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

WEST VIRGINIA IS A STATE THAT HAS HAD A LONG AND
CHERISHED RAILROAD TRADITION, AND I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT
THE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF RAILROAD WORKERS IN SOUTHERN WEST
VIRGINIA.

HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED THAT TODAY AMERICA'S RAILROADS
SYSTEM IS THREATNED--THREATENED BY BUDGET CUTBACKS AND TOTAL
ELIMINATION.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO DISMANTLE THE CONRAIL
SYSTEM AND THE AMTRAK PASSENGER SYSTEM, AND IN DOING SO, WILL
PUT OVER 70,000 RAILROAD EMPLOYEES OUT OF WORK.

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WITH THESE JOB ELIMINATIONS, THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT
SYSTEM WILL BE PLACED IN GREAT JEAPORDY, AS THE NUMBER OF
WORKERS PAYING INTO THE SYSTEM DECLINES, AND THE NUMBER OF
THOSE DRAWING PENSIONS INCREASES.

I WILL NOT ALLOW AMERICANS WHO HAVE LABORED HARD FOR
YEARS TO BE SHUT OUT FROM THE BENEFITS THEY RIGHTFULLY DESERVE.
THEREFORE, I PLEDGE MY SUPPORT TO BRING ABOUT A REMEDY THAT
WILL GUARANTEE AN ADEQUATE PENSION FOR THIS NATION'S RAILROAD
WORKERS.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.