

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL REPORTS

WEEK OF 5/11

SOCIAL SECURITY

ONE MINUTE

PLEASE RETURN TAPE IN ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE.

RADIO TAPE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AS OUR NATION'S ECONOMY CONTINUES TO GROW WORSE, SO DOES THE POSITION OF OUR ELDERLY AMERICANS, AS THEY STRUGGLE TO KEEP PACE WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. IT IS FOR THIS REASON, THAT THE TIME IS NOW TO RETURN TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS THE BENEFITS THEY HAVE PAID INTO THE SOCIAL SECURITY FUND.

I HAVE JOINED IN SPONSORING ~~HR 206~~, A BILL THAT WOULD ELIMINATE THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS.

CURRENT LAW REQUIRES THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 65 AND 71 TO FORGO \$1 OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR EVERY \$2 OF INCOME EARNED OVER \$5500. NOW THIS PENALIZES THE VERY PEOPLE THE LAW WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT, AND I MIGHT ADD, THAT SOCIAL SECURITY WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM INCOME FOR AMERICANS WHEN THEY RETIRED, NOT AN INCOME CEILING.

AS CONGRESS WORKS TO BRING RISING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL, WE CANNOT FORGET THE PLIGHT OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO JUST ARE NOT ABLE TO MEET INCREASING HOUSING COSTS, HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES, AND THE PRICE OF FOOD.

I BELIEVE THIS BILL, IF PASSED, SHOULD PROVIDE OLDER AMERICANS WITH SOME ASSISTANCE.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.