

CONG. RAHALL REPORTS

FOR USE: WEEK OF 4/27

ONE MINUTE

TOPIC: DEMOCRATIC BUDGET

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TAPE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 27

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THIS WEEK, CONGRESS BEGINS WORK ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE PLAN SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN, BUT RECENTLY A DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE WAS OFFERED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE DEMOCRATIC PACKAGE, UNLIKE THE PRESIDENT'S, WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY AND REDUCE INFLATION WITHOUT ABANDONING CITIZENS IN NEED. IT WOULD ALSO CONTAIN A TAX CUT MORE EQUITABLE TO MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES. THE ADMINISTRATION'S TAX PROPOSAL WOULD HELP THOSE ABOVE THE \$40,000 INCOME LEVEL.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE DEMOCRATIC TAX PACKAGE WOULD BE THE ELIMINATION OF THE SO-CALLED MARRIAGE PENALTY, WHICH PRESENTLY FORCES MANY WORKING COUPLES TO PAY MORE IN TAX ON THEIR COMBINED INCOMES, THAN THEY WOULD IF THEY WERE SINGLE AND FILING SEPARATLY.

FOR ANY ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN TO BE A SUCCESS, IT WILL TAKE COMPROMISE TO REACH A BALANCED SOLUTION. HARD LINE PARTISAN WARFARE WILL DO THIS COUNTRY NO GOOD AT ALL. REGARDLESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S FEELINGS, I BELIEVE CONGRESS WILL DO ITS BEST TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.