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REPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN
NICK RAHALL

WEEK OF: APRIL 13

ONE MINUTE

SUBJECT: RAILROAD WORKERS

TAPE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 13

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

UNDER A LAW PASSED MANY YEARS AGO, DISABLED RAILROAD WORKERS WERE ALLOWED TO EARN ONLY \$2,400 A YEAR, AND STILL RECEIVE THEIR DISABILITY PENSION. THAT OUTSIDE EARNINGS LIMITATION IS STILL IN AFFECT TODAY, AND DUE TO INFLATION, THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE THIS LAW MORE REALITIC TO OUR PRESENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I HAVE INTRODUCED, HR 3025, A BILL THAT WOULD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT A PERSON COULD EARN, WHILE STILL RECEIVING HIS RAILROAD DISABLITY BENEFITS. MY BILL WOULD INCREASE THE EARNINGS LIMITATION TO \$4,800 A YEAR.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, OVER 42,000 DISABLED RAILROAD WORKERS ARE RESTRICTED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR FAMILIES STANDARD OF LIVING. MY BILL, WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION, SHOULD HELP THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS.

WITH INFLATION STILL AT DOUBLE-DIGIT LEVELS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR ALL OF US TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO BRING THE RISING COST OF LIVING UNDER CONTROL. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ALLOW AMERICANS LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES A CHANCE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.