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WASHINGTON D.C. --- "THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACTED TODAY ON A MEASURE THAT WILL ADDRESS THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL TO DELIVER SPECIAL EDUCATION TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN WEST VIRGINIA," CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL SAID.

THE HOUSE ADDED LANGUAGE TO H.J. RES. 637, THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR 1981, THAT SETS INTO OPERATION A PROGRAM TO TRAIN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS TO TEACH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN AREAS WITH A SHORTAGE.

"ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WEST VIRGINIA NEEDS 1,600 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS," CON. RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AND THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE EVEN PROVIDED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE FUNDING TO HIRE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO TRAINED SPECIAL EDUCATORS AVAILABLE."

"DUE TO THIS CLARIFICATION," RAHALL STRESSED, "WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERISTY, IN COOPERATION WITH MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO BEGIN TRAINING PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY."

THE ADDITION OF THIS PROVISION WAS MADE BY CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM NATCHER (D-KY), ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN RAHALL.

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