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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, SAID THAT HE WAS, "EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' APPROVAL OF A BILL THAT CONTAINED \$284 MILLION FOR FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THE TUG FORK VALLEY."

"THE PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE," RAHALL OBSERVED, "MAY WELL MEAN THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE VALLEY ARE MUCH CLOSER THAN EVER BEFORE, TO THE GOAL OF LONG-TERM FLOOD PROTECTION FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES."

THE MEASURE APPROVED BY THE HOUSE, WILL EARMARK \$6 MILLION OF THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMMEDIATE START-UP OF THE PROJECT.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT SOME HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TACTICS USED TO GET THE BILL PASSED. "ALTHOUGH THE PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES USED DISTURBED MANY POWERFUL HOUSE MEMBERS, THROUGH MY EFFORTS, WE WERE ABLE TO QUIET THE DISCONTENT OVER THE TACTICS EMPLOYED, AS SHOWN IN THE HOUSE VOTE OF 273 TO 117," RAHALL SAID.

ONCE THE SENATE GIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO THE CONFERENCE REPORT, IT WILL GO TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS SIGNATURE, AND THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY WELL FIND THE BILL ACCEPTABLE.

"WE'VE COME CLOSE BEFORE," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "AND THE PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL IS NECESSARY, BUT IT LOOKS GOOD."

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