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# Nick Rahall

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, TODAY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT MANDATES CONVERSION TO COAL BY ELECTRIC POWERPLANTS PRESENTLY BURNING IMPORTED OIL.

RAHALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WAS JOINED BY REP. HARLEY O. STAGGERS (D-WV), CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE; REP. JOHN DINGELL (D-MICH), CHAIRMAN OF THE ENERGY AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE; AND OTHER MEMBERS FROM COAL PRODUCING STATES IN SUBMITTING THE MEASURE.

"THE POWERPLANT FUEL CONSERVATION ACT OF 1980," RAHALL SAID, "WILL PROVIDE \$10 BILLION FOR THIS PROCESS. A PROCESS THAT WILL SAVE THIS NATION ONE MILLION BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY, BY 1990."

"MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STRESSED, "WILL BE THE INCREASE IN COAL USE BY 50 MILLION TONS PER YEAR."

RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY, "THIS SWITCH FROM OIL TO COAL, WILL GO A LONG WAY TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL, CURB INFLATION, AND PUT MANY UNEMPLOYED MINERS BACK TO WORK."

THE LEGISLATION CALLS FOR THE CONVERSION OF 107 UTILITY BOILERS AT 50 POWER STATIONS, MOSTLY LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST.

THE MEASURE WILL ALSO CONTAIN A PROVISION THAT STATES THE SOURCE OF THE COAL USED IN THE CONVERSION. "I WANT TO MAKE SURE, AMERICAN COAL WILL BE BURNED IN THESE POWERPLANTS," RAHALL STATED.

"THIS LEGISLATION WILL NOT MEAN AN IMMEDIATE CURE TO OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS, NOR WILL IT PUT MINERS BACK TO WORK TOMORROW," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "BUT IT IS A MAJOR FIRST STEP IN THE EFFORT TO BRING COAL TO THE ENERGY FOREFRONT."

IN CONCLUSION, RAHALL REMARKED, "I AM CONFIDENT OUR COLLEAGUES WILL SEE THE URGENT NEED FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE, AND I PLAN TO DO ALL I CAN TO SEE IT BECOME LAW."

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