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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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WASHINGTON D.C. --- "WITH OVER 60 PERCENT OF ALL COAL MINED IN APPALACHIA BEING TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK BETWEEN MINE AND MARKET, I AM PLEASED THAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE COAL-HAUL ROADS," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, TODAY.

RAHALL'S COMMENTS CAME AFTER THE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE APPROVED A \$1.7 BILLION PROGRAM TO ASSIST STATES IN THE UP-GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY IMPACTED ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND SPONSOR OF THE BILL TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS, EXPLAINED THAT THE NEXT STEP WILL BE FINAL APPROVAL BY THE FULL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

"A GOOD COAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IS ESSENTIAL TO THE OVER-ALL ENERGY POLICY IN THIS COUNTRY," RAHALL SAID, "AND NO ONE NEEDS TO STRESS HOW BADLY HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE ROADS IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, BECAUSE PEOPLE TRAVEL THEM DAILY."

RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT, "THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA CAN RECEIVE AS MUCH AS \$30 MILLION THIS YEAR, AND AS MUCH AS \$54 MILLION IN 1985."

WITH THE MAY 15 BUDGET DEADLINE APPROACHING, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED, "I FEEL THAT CONGRESS UNDERSTANDS THE GREAT NEED FOR THIS PROGRAM, AND I AM SURE THEY WILL ACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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