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CONGRESSMAN

Nick Rahall

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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA --- "I SUPPORT A BALANCED BUDGET," SAID WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, "BUT THAT BUDGET MUST BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE TO THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL'S REMARKS CAME IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STEELWORKERS DISTRICT 23, AT THE CHARLESTON HOUSE HOLIDAY INN.

"OUR NATION IS BEING PUSHED BY THE TWO EVILS OF INFLATION AND RECESSION, AT THE SAME TIME," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL THAT A BALANCED BUDGET DOES NOT REDUCE PRODUCTIVITY AND THEREFORE CREATE UNEMPLOYMENT."

"IT IS WRONG TO FIGHT INFLATION, AT THE COST OF JOBS," RAHALL STRESSED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WENT ON TO SAY, "THE REALITY OF OUR TIMES, IS THAT THE COST OF DAILY NECESSITIES, HAS RISEN AT A RATE OF OVER 23 PERCENT FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR."

"HOW CAN SOMEONE WHO IS OUT OF WORK AND HAS A FAMILY TO FEED, PAY 64 PERCENT MORE TO HEAR HIS HOME? HOW CAN HE PAY 105 PERCENT MORE FOR GASOLINE? HOW CAN HE PAY 16 PERCENT MORE FOR HEALTH CARE?" CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ADDED. "THE ANSWER IS, THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN NOT TAKE ANYMORE, AND WE MUST PUT THE LID ON RISING PRICES FOR THE SAKE OF OUR NATION AND ITS PEOPLE."

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE UNITED STEELWORKES UNION. "YOU ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S STRONGEST AND MOST RESPECTED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. ..YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR MEMBERS AND YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY."