THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

TODAY I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO MANDATE CONVERSION
TO COAL BY ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS PRESENTLY BURNING IMPORTED OIL.

IT IS ESTIMATED THIS MEASURE WILL SAVE ONE MILLION BARRELS OF OIL, PER DAY, BY 1990, AND MOST OF ALL, INCREASE COAL USAGE BY 50 MILLION TONS PER YEAR.

I SHOULD POINT OUT HOWEVER, THAT THIS LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE AN IMMEDIATE CURE TO OUR ENERGY PROBLEMS, NOR WILL IT PUT MINERS BACK TO WORK TOMORROW. BUT IT IS A MAJOR FIRST STEP IN THE EFFORT TO MOVE COAL THE FOREFRONT OF OUR NATION'S ENERGY PICTURE.

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