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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

WITH THE COAL INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA STILL EXPERIENCING A LULL, THE RECENT NATIONAL STEEL POLICY ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, COULD SERVE TO BOOST THE COAL INDUSTRY, WHICH RELIES SO HEAVILY ON THE STEEL INDUSTRY.

THE PROPOSALS, SOME OF WHICH WILL REQUIRE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS UNFAIR FOREIGN COMPETITION, POSSIBLE DELAYS IN TIMETABLES FOR MEETING ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, EXPANSION OF WORKER ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TAX HELP TO ENCOURAGE PLANT MODERNIZATION.

THESE STEPS WILL NOT, IN THEMSELVES, GUARANTEE A GROWING AND PROSPEROUS STEEL INDUSTRY. BUT THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT STEPS IN PROVIDING THE STEEL INDUSTRY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE WORK FORCE WITH A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TO KEEP DOMESTIC STEELMAKERS COMPETITIVE WITHIN AN INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE WORLD MARKET, AND IN TIME, PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED BOOST TO THE SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIAN COAL FIELDS. I INTEND TO SUPPORT THEM.

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Jim Atkins after 5:30