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THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AMERICAN'S 25 MILLION SENIOR CITIZENS REPRESENT A CURRENT AND FUTURE RESOURCE OF GREAT VALUE. TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THAT RESOURCE THE 96TH CONGRESS ADDRESSED A VARIETY OF ISSUES AFFECTING OLDER AMERICANS.

CONGRESS STRUCK AN IMPORTANT BLOW AGAINST THE ELDERLY'S GREATEST ENEMY--INFLATION--BY ACTING THIS YEAR TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING AND CUT THE BUDGET DEFICIET.

CONGRESS ENACTED A PROGRAM OF ~~ME~~ ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME AND ELDERLY PERSONS. AND EARMARKED 25 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES FROM THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON OIL COMPANIES FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE.

CONGRESS RENEWED IT COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FINANCIALLY SOUND AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TAX EXEMPT.

AND CONGRESS PASSED ELGISLATION TO LIBERALIZE FOOD STAMPS ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY; CREATE A NEW PROGRAM TO PREVENT FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION IN THE SALE OF "MEDI-GAP" INSURANCE OFFERED TO SUPPLEMENT MEDICARE; AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR SOCIAL, NUTRITION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

I SUPPORTED THESE PROGRAMS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO IN THE FUTURE.

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.