

WTNJ TAPE FOR DEC. 2

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

NEXT WEEK, BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THE 97TH CONGRESS, WHICH WILL CONVENE ON JANUARY 5, 1981.

THIS <sup>period</sup> ~~TIME~~ WILL BE SPENT FORMING COMMITTEES FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS, AND WILL ALLOW NEW CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME AQUAINTED WITH THEIR JOBS. ~~THIS IS ALSO THE PERIOD WHEN THE NEW PRESIDENT WILL NAME THE KEY ADVISORS FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION.~~

I AM VERY PROUD TO BEGIN MY FIFTH YEAR AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA. I HAVE ENJOYED SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THIS EIGHT COUNTY REGION, AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER TWO YEARS OF PROGRESS FOR SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

DURING <sup>my two terms in Congress</sup> ~~THE LAST~~ FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN EFFORTS LIKE: FLOOD RELIEF AND PROTECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE TUG VALLEY, A BALANCED FEDERAL SURFACE MINING LAW, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AN IMPROVED BLACK LUNG LAW, MUCH-NEEDED WATER SYSTEMS, AND AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF COAL AS OUR NATION'S NUMBER ONE ENERGY RESOURCE.

I AGAIN ANTICIPATE A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ~~REST OF WEST VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER, AND SENATORS BYRD AND RANDOLPH,~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~TO~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~ACHIEVE RESULTS FOR THE PEOPLE~~ <sup>on behalf of</sup> WE ARE ALL HONORED TO REPRESENT.

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