

WTNJ TAPE FOR JANUARY 6, 1981

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE NEW YEAR IS UNDERWAY AND THE 97TH CONGRESS HAS BEGUN.  
IN TWO WEEKS THE NEW PRESIDENT WILL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE, AND  
THE TRANSITION OF OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE COMPLETE.

FACING THE NEW CONGRESS AND OUR NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE TWO  
ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR SOMETIME NOW--ENERGY AND INFLATION.

ON THE ENERGY FRONT, COAL CONVERSION LEGISLATION WILL BE A  
MAJOR PRIORITY. WITH THE CONTINUAL INCREASE IN OPEC OIL, AND WITH  
THE HEATING SEASON AT ITS PEAK NOW, THE PUSH TOWARDS COAL SHOULD  
RECEIVE A BIG BOOST.

OUR EFFORTS TO PUT MORE OF AMERICA'S OWN ENERGY RESOURCES TO  
USE SHOULD LIKewise SERVE TO CURB INFLATION. THE \$95 BILLION WE SEND  
OVERSEAS EACH YEAR TO PURCHASE FOREIGN OIL IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR  
OF OUR NATIONS INFLATION RATE, AND ONCE THAT RELIANCE IS REDUCED,  
*our domestic*  
THE ECONOMY WILL BENEFIT.

*B* I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING, AND  
I KNOW MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE DO ALSO.

*B* ~~AMERICA IS AT AN IMPORTANT CROSSROADS IN TERMS OF ITS FUTURE, AND BY~~  
WORKING TOGETHER, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, 1981 CAN  
BRING POSITIVE RESULTS FOR THE NATION AND ITS PEOPLE.

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