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CONGRESSMAN

# Nick Rahall

WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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## W. VA. PROGRAMS FUNDED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESS-  
MAN NICK J. RAHALL, HAS REPORTED THAT CONGRESS APPROVED FUNDING FOR  
A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS FOR WEST VIRGINIA IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 1982  
SESSION.

"OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE GROWING NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED COAL  
MINERS IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA," RAHALL POINTED OUT, "IS THE AP-  
PROPRIATION OF \$162.2 MILLION TO HIRE OUT-OF-WORK COAL MINERS AND  
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TO RECLAIM ABANDONED COAL MINE SITES."

"THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF \$34 MILLION TO THE PRO-  
POSAL TO PUT COAL MINERS BACK TO WORK THAT I OFFERED IN THE HOUSE,"  
CONGRESSMAN RAHALL STATED.

ON ANOTHER ISSUE OF IMPORTANCE TO SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, CON-  
GRESSMAN RAHALL EXPLAINED THAT, "CONTAINED IN THE CONTINUING APPROPRI-  
ATIONS MEASURE WAS \$16.4 MILLION FOR THE MUCH-NEEDED FLOOD CONTROL  
PROJECT IN THE TUG FORK VALLEY."

"MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES REFER TO SUCH EXPENDITURES AS 'PORK-BAR-  
RELL', BUT TO THEM I SAY, 'COME TO MINGO COUNTY DURING A FLOOD, AND  
YOU WILL NOT CALL THIS FUNDING A PORK-BARRELL PROJECT,'" RAHALL  
STRESSED.

THE FIGURE OF FUNDING FOR THE TUG FORK PROJECT, RAHALL POINTED  
OUT, "ALSO REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF \$8 MILLION, AN INCREASE I WORKED  
FOR BEING WELL AWARE OF THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM FLOOD PROECTION FOR  
THE RESIDENTS OF THAT REGION,"

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