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RAHALL WANTS JOB SERVICE PROGRAM MAINTAINED

WASHINGTON D.C. --- "IN WEST VIRGINIA, AND OTHER STATES AS WELL, INDIVIDUALS ARE GOING FROM ASSISTING THE UNEMPLOYED---TO BEING THE UNEMPLOYED," EXPLAINED FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL.

RAHALL'S COMMENTS WERE MADE IN REFERENCE TO THE CLOSING OF SOME 1,000 LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICES THROUGHOUT AMERICA, AND THE LAYING OFF OF 15,000 JOB SERVICE EMPLOYEES DUE TO REGAN ADMINISTRATION CUT-BACKS. NEARLY 100 JOB SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN WEST VIRGINIA HAVE BEEN PUT OUT OF WORK THEMSELVES.

"AS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE UNITED STATES HOVERS NEAR THE 10 PERCENT FIGURE, OFFICES THAT WERE INTENDED TO HELP THE UNEMPLOYED FIND WORK ARE BEING SHUT DOWN," SAID RAHALL.

"EVIDENTLY, LITTLE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT EACH ONE PERCENTAGE POINT RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT ADDS \$25 BILLION TO OUR NATION'S DEFICIT!" RAHALL STRESSED.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT, "THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW SEEKING AN EMERGENCY ALLOCATION OF SOME \$2.3 BILLION FROM CONGRESS TO AID THE STATES IN PAYING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS." THE MEASURE, H.J. RES. 387, IS EXPECTED TO BE ACTED UPON SOON.

"I WILL SUPPORT THIS EFFORT," RAHALL PROCLAIMED, "AND WILL WORK TO MAKE SURE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF THESE FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO RESTORE THE OPERATION OF STATE JOB SERVICE PROGRAMS, LIKE THE ONE IN WEST VIRGINIA."

"AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, IT IS FAR BETTER, AND FAR CHEAPER," RAHALL CONCLUDED, "TO GET THE UNEMPLOYED BACK ONTO PRODUCTIVE PAYROLLS, THAN TO LEAVE THEM LANQUISHING IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES."