

TAPE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 29

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

As Congress enters its final weeks of the year, eyes will be turned to the important issue of creating jobs and putting Americans back to work.

The leadships in both the House and the Senate have been working on plans aimed at stimulating employment through public works and highways projects. The Reagan Administration has also come up with a proposal to increase the gasoline tax to pay for such plans.

There is no doubt that our highways, bridges, and numerous other public facilities are in need of repair, and with 12 million unemployed--both concerns may be addressed at the same time.

While I have always felt that the government should be the employer of last resort, I firmly believe the efforts currently being proposed can help this nation get back on its feet.

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