

TAPE FOR WEEK OF OCT. 18

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES INDICATE THAT THERE ARE NOW MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK IN AMERICA, THAT AT ANY TIME IN THE NATION'S HISTORY--INCLUDING 1933, THE DEPTH OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION.

HERE, IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, THE STATISTICS ARE MUCH MORE DISMAL--WITH 3 OUT OF 10 ADULTS OUT OF WORK IN SOME COAL COUNTIES.

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD TO "STAY THE COURSE" BY THE ADMINISTRATION, BUT CAN WE AFFORD TO? I THINK NOT!

MAJOR POLICY CHANGES NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ADVISORS--THAT WILL PUT WEST VIRGINIANS BACK TO WORK; THAT WILL ALLOW FAMILIES TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN HOMES; THAT WILL ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSMEN FROM GOING BANKRUPT; AND THAT WILL KEEP OLDER AMERICANS FROM FACING SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS.

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