

Tape for week of Oct. 4

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

Unemployment in our State is nearing the 10 percent figure. In some of the coal producing counties of southern West Virginia, unemployment over 20 percent.

To meet this situation, I have introduced a measure in the House of Representatives that would stimulate the use of a large untapped source of federal funds--to put unemployed coal miners and construction workers back to work.

The legislation--which is entitled: The Coal Mining and Construction Job Stimulus Act, would use moneys from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to hire out-of-work coal miners and construction employees to carry out of the task of reclaiming abandoned coal mine land.

This bill, HR 7242, will serve a double benefit to our State:
(1) Jobs, and (2) the maintenance of our Mountain beauty.

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