

TAPE FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 20

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE NEED FOR JOBS IN OUR STATE AND NATION, IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE--AS SOME HAVE CHARGED--IT IS A VERY PRACTICAL ISSUE, ONE THAT CALLS FOR PROMPT ACTION ON THE PART OF CONGRESS AND THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION.

I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS TAKEN THE FIRST, POSITIVE STEP IN PUTTING AMERICANS AND WEST VIRGINIANS BACK TO WORK, BY PASSING AN URGENT MEASURE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN REPAIRING AND REBUILDING BRIDGES, ROADWAYS, WATER SYSTEMS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES.

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS THE FACT THAT THE PRICE TAG OF \$1 BILLION FOR THIS PROGRAM, FALLS WELL WITHIN THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PAYING OUT OVER \$20 BILLION IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. IT MAKES A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE TO ME TO TAKE SOME OF THIS MONEY TO PUT PEOPLE BACK ON PAYROLLS RATHER THAN WELFARE ROLLS.

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