

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUG. 23

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

I HAVE JUST INTRODUCED A BILL ENTITLED: THE COMPREHENSIVE COAL JOB COMPENSATION, PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT OF 1982, WHICH ADDRESS THE GROWING NUMBER OF COAL MINERS, AND STEEL WORKERS, WHO ARE CURRENTLY WITHOUT EMPLOYMENT.

MY BILL WILL SET UP A TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COAL MINERS AND STEEL WORKERS, WHO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY RISING FOREIGN IMPORTS.

THIS MEASURE WILL BE OF NO ADDITIONAL BURDEN TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS, BECAUSE I PROPOSE THAT THE READJUSTMENTS BENEFITS BE PAID FROM TARIFFS LEVIED ON FOREIGN STEEL. IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR THAT IF IMPORTS ARE GOING TO LEAD TO MASSIVE LAY-OFFS, THEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE IMPORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PAY FOR THIS PROGRAM TO HELP AMERICAN WORKERS.

COAL MINERS ARE NOT LOOKING FOR HANDOUTS, THEY ARE ONLY LOOKING FOR A FAIR SHAKE. THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MY LEGISLATION, AND I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT IT.

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