

tape for week of Sept. 6

This is Congressman Nick Rahall.

There are presently 1.3 million people residing in this Nation's 18,000 nursing homes, and we all agree that these elderly and handicapped individuals deserve the highest quality care. However, when problems have arisen, immediate efforts have been made to rectify the situation.

The number of Americans who can be expected to need nursing home care has grown and will continue to grow rapidly in the coming years--thereby increasing the need to maintain quality care for those individuals who require it.

For this reason, I have joined in sponsoring, HR 6916, the National Nursing Home Standards Act of 1982.

This measure will insure that the necessary decisions regarding changes in nursing home standards will be dictated by concern for equitable and quality health care for our Nation's elderly.

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