

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 17

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

A PLAN TO ALLOW STATES THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR OF COAL HAUL ROADS, WHICH I SPONSORED, WAS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER.

I AM PLEASED WITH THE RESULT OF MY EFFORT, BECAUSE IN OUR STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, WE ALL SEE THE GREAT NEED TO IMPROVE THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS THAT ARE NOT ONLY USED FOR THE MOVEMENT OF COAL, BUT FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY USE OF RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

IT IS REPORTED THAT OVER 34,000 MILES OF ROADS IN 21 STATES ARE USED FOR COAL-HAULING. A FACT THAT I BELIEVE JUSTIFIES FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. ENERGY IS A NATIONAL ISSUE, AND THE TAXPAYERS OF WEST VIRGINIA, AND OTHER ENERGY PRODUCING STATES, SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE IN MEETING THE EMMENSE COST OF REPAIRING THEIR ROADS DUE TO ENERGY RELATED TRAVEL.

I LOOK FORWARD THE 1982 HIGHWAY BILL BEING PASSED BY CONGRESS AND BECOMING LAW, SO THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

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