

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 1

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN WEST VIRGINIA, WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT AS THE STEEL INDUSTRY GOES, IN MANY CASES, SO GOES THE COAL INDUSTRY. FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COAL PRODUCTION IS DOWN COSTING 500 MINERS THEIR JOBS, AND U.S. STEEL RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS LAYING OFF OVER 1,200 MINERS IN McDOWELL COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE DROP IN STEEL PRODUCTION.

THE RESULT OF ALL THIS IS THAT MANY FOREIGN STEEL COMPANIES ARE "DUMPING" THEIR PRODUCTS INTO THE AMERICAN MARKET ~~XXX~~ WHICH ARE CAUSING SEVERE HARDSHIPS FOR OUR ECONOMY AND WORKERS.

FOR THIS REASON, I HAVE SPONSORED A MEASURE TO URGE PRESIDENT REAGAN TO BRING AN IMMEDIATE HALT TO THESE UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES. WITH THIS ACTION, I HOPE WE CAN REAFFIRM TO THE STEEL WORKERS, THE COAL MINERS AND THEIR INDUSTRIES, A COMMITMENT TO FAIR TRADING PRACTICES THAT WILL PROTECT AMERICAN JOBS.

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