

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEB. 22

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

A NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE NOW ~~FOLLOWING~~ *investigating* ON
A CONCERN THAT IS GROWING WITHIN THE COAL FIELDS--THE ISSUE IS
MINE SAFETY.

SERIOUS QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED BY CONCERNED CITIZENS IN
APPALACHIA WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE. ARE THE REDUCTIONS IN
MSHA PERSONNEL AND REDUCED INSPECTION ACTIVITY AFFECTING THE
HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ~~THE~~ *our nation's* COAL ~~LABOR~~ *miners* FORCE? AND IF SO, COULD
THE RECENT RASH OF COAL MINE DISASTERS, WHICH RESULTED IN THE
DEATHS OF 56 MEN OVER A TWO MONTH PERIOD, ~~COULD~~ HAVE POSSIBLY
BEEN AVOIDED OR AT LEAST ~~MITIGATED~~ *reduced?*.

in addition to I ~~BEEN~~ *ing* PRESENTED TESTIMONY BEFORE TWO HOUSE COMMITTEES ON
THE ISSUE OF MINE SAFETY, ~~FOR I BELIEVE~~ *that last Sept. I requested a govt. investigation into mine* IF MISTAKES ARE NOT
RECTIFYIED AND LINGERING QUESTIONS ABOUT MINE SAFETY ARE NOT *safety, which is*
ANSWERED, FURTHER DISASTER MAY INDEED OCCUR. *not being*
understand

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