WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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RAHALL BEGINS FOURTH TERM AS SENIOR W.V. HOUSE MEMBER

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESS-MAN NICK J. RAHALL, TODAY WILL BEGIN HIS FOURTH TERM IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND DOES SO AS THE STATE'S SENIOR MEMBER OF THAT BODY.

RAHALL AT 33, IS ALSO THE YOUNGEST DEAN OF ANY STATE DELEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WHEN ELECTED IN 1976, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL AT 27, WAS THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE 95TH CONGRESS.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGES THAT THE NEW YEAR AND NEW CONGRESS WILL BRING," RAHALL STATED, "ESPECIALLY THE DESPARATE TASK OF REDUCING WEST VIRGINIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF OVER 15 PERCENT."

RAHALL, WHO WILL BE JOINED BY THREE INCOMING FRESHMAN DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES, SAID, "I AM ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT WILL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION,
AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR GREAT
STATE WILL BE WELL SERVED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS."

THE HECTIC FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SESSION'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE-GIN AT 8:00AM, AS CONGRESSMAN RAHALL WILL HOST THE NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR STAFFS FOR COFFEE IN HIS CANNON BUILDING OFFICE. THE ACTUAL SWEARING-IN OF THE NEW CONGRESS WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOON.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, WHO WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1982 WITH 81 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, WILL MAINTAIN HIS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ON THE PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND THE ETHICS COMMITTEE.

RAHALL WILL ALSO MAINTAIN THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COAL GROUP, WHICH HE FOUNDED IN 1979.

RAHALL'S OFFICE ADDRESS IS: 440 CANNON BUILDING, WASHINGTON D.C.;
PHONE: 202-225-3452. CONGRESSMAN RAHALL ALSO HAS DISTRICT OFFICES IN
BLUEFIELD, BECKLEY, HUNTINGTON, AND LOGAN.