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YOUTH JOBS BILL BACKED BY RAHALL

WASHINGTON D.C. --- LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A YOUTH CONSERVATION WORK PROGRAM, HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ACTION BY THE FULL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

"HR 999," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT, "WOULD PROVIDE JOBS AND TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, IN THE SAME WAY THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) DID IN THE 1930'S."

RAHALL SAID, "THE PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE IS TWO-FOLD: TO PROVIDE JOBS AND TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM, AND TO ACCOMPLISH NEEDED CONSERVATION WORK IN A COST-EFFECTIVE EFFICIENT WAY."

THE PROGRAM WOULD BE FUNDED WITH FEDERAL REVENUES FROM VARIOUS LEASING AND PERMITTING ACTIVITIES. IT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIES OF LABOR AND AGRICULTURE. COST WOULD BE: \$50 MILLION FOR 1983, AND \$250 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR 1984-1989, WITH AN INCREASE FOR INFLATION.

"THE PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE JOBS FOR OVER 100,000 YOUNG PEOPLE," RAHALL POINTED OUT.

"WITH UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUTH AT RECORD HIGHS, THIS BILL WOULD BE ONE COST-EFFECTIVE STEP WE COULD TAKE TO OFFER THEM MEANINGFUL JOBS THAT WILL NOT ONLY AID THEM DURING THESE PRESENT DIFFICULT TIMES, BUT THAT WILL HELP PROVIDE THEM WITH A FUTURE AS WELL," CONGRESSMAN RAHALL OBSERVED.

"LIKE THE OLD CCC, IT WOULD HELP RESTORE PHYSICAL AND LAND-BASED RESOURCES, FROM WHICH FUTURE INDUSTRIES AND JOBS CAN BE DERIVED," RAHALL STATED.

SIMILAR LEGISLATION WAS PASSED TWICE BY THE HOUSE IN THE 97TH CONGRESS, BUT NO FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE SENATE.

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