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## COAL GROUP SCHEDULES TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, chairman of the Congressional Coal Group, announces that the Group will sponsor a seminar on Wednesday, June 29, dealing with railroad and waterway coal transportation issues.

The seminar will be held in room 2175, Rayburn House Office Building, from 3:30-5:00pm, Wednesday, June 29.

"Because of the number of initiatives in the area of transportation which will have a great impact on the movement of coal from mine to market, the Coal Group has arranged this informational seminar," Congressman Rahall pointed out.

The first half of the seminar will deal with recent action taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Presenters will be:

ICC Chairman Reese Taylor, who will explain his dissention to the Commission's action to exempt from regulation export coal, and:

Michael Loftus, a noted practitioner before the Commission, who will discuss railroad ratemaking and the need for reform.

The second half of the seminar will concern waterway transportation of coal. The presenters will be:

Rep. Robert Roe, chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Water Resources, who will discuss waterway authorization legislation.

Joseph Lema, Vice President for Transportation, National Coal Association, and;

Connie Holmes, of the Coal Exporters Association.