## RAHALL FOR West Virginia

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## RAHALL TO RESOLVE STATE HOUSE SPECULATION NOV. 7

---Nick J. Rahall, II of Beckley, U.S. Representative for West Virginia's Fourth Congressional District, will announce his intentions concerning the Governorship of West Virginia, in Charleston on November 7.

"I said that I would make my plans known concerning a race for Governor in the Fall," Rahall said, "and I will do just that on November 7."

Rahall, currently serving his fourth term in the Congress of the United States, has been considered a possibile Democratic candidate for Governor for many months. According to the most recent WSAZ/AP/DAILY MAIL poll, Nick Rahall is the preferred candidate for Governor among registered Democrats, receiving support from 31.2 percent of those surveyed.

Congressman Rahall, who is the senior member of West Virginia's Delegation in the U.S. House, is a champion and leading spokesman for coal. In 1979, Rahall founded, and still chairs, the Congressional Coal Group, an organization comprised of Members of Congress from coal producing and coal using States whose main concern is to mine more coal and put coal miners to work.

From his positions on the Public Works and Transportation Committee, and Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Rahall has pushed legislative measures to extend the life of the Appalachian Regional Commission, major highway and waterway improvments, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, and the designation of the New River as a National Park.

Congressman Rahall was also a chief sponsor of the Black Lung Bill that passed in 1979, and was at the forefront of efforts to provide long-term flood protection for the Tug Fork Valley.

Nick Rahall is a native of Beckley, West Virginia, where his wife Helen and their three children reside. The Rahall's recently welcomed the addition of a daughter, Suzanne Nicole on Oct. 5. Their two other children are: Rebecca, who is 9; and Nicky, who is 6.

"With the new year approaching and many important problems to be solved in our State, I look forward to outlining not only my personal plans, but also my dreams for West Virgina," Rahall stated.