

TAPE FOR WEEK OF DEC. 5

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

RECENTLY, I INTRODUCED THE BILL, HR 4182, A MEASURE THAT IS AIMED AT CORRECTING A DISTURBING POLICY WHICH HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

PRIOR TO THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION COMING INTO OFFICE, COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WERE FUNDED ⁴⁷ ~~TO THE~~ OF \$1 BILLION PER YEARS. FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984, THAT FIGURE WILL BE ONLY \$226 MILLION.

MY LEGISLATION WILL INTENSIFY THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES WHICH MAY BE USED BY ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANTS TO BURN COAL MORE EFFICIENTLY AND CLEANLY. TODAY, THE INDUSTRY HAS ONLY TWO CHOICES: INSTALL COSTLY SCUBBERS, OR NO LONGER BURN COAL.

I WANT TO SEE MORE COAL BURNED, NOT LESS. THAT IS WHY I HAVE INTRODUCED THIS MEASURE.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.