

TAPE FOR WEEK OF OCT. 10

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

RECENTLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON A BILL TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR THOSE AMERICANS WHO HAVE ALREADY RUN OUT OF THEIR CURRENT BENEFITS.

IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, NEARLY 28,000 PERSONS HAVE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED THEIR REGULAR STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, AND UNDER THIS LEGISLATION, THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 8 WEEKS OF ASSISTANCE.

I AM PLEASED TO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE, BUT FULLY REALIZE THAT MORE HAS TO BE DONE TO FIND PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT FOR THE MANY WEST VIRGINIANS WHO ARE OUT OF WORK.

OUR STATE, UNFORTUNATELY, STILL LEADS THE NATION IN UNEMPLOYMENT; AND A CONCERTED EFFORT IS REQUIRED BY NOT ONLY GOVERNMENT--BY BOTH PRIVATE INDUSTRY AS WELL--TO REBUILD THE CONFIDENCE AND ECONOMIC FOUNDATION OF WEST VIRGINIA.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.