

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 14

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AS IT IS CERTAINLY KNOWN BY NOW, LAST WEEK THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS BOTH THE SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. WHILE THIS MEASURE EFFECTED EVERY SINGLE MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES--IT CONTAINED A PROVISION THAT PAYS SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MANY WEST VIRGINIANS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY BILL PROVIDES A MOST NEEDED EXTENSION OF FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO THOSE STATE RESIDENTS WHO'S ASSISTANCE IS READY TO EXPIRE.

IN WEST VIRGINIA, INDIVIDUALS WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS ON OR AFTER APRIL 1, 1983, CAN GET UP TO 14 ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF BENEFITS. FOR THOSE WHO WILL EXHUST THEIR BENEFITS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 10 ADDITIONAL WEEKS OF COMPENSATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

WHILE JOBS ARE OF COURSE--THE BEST MEDICINE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT, I AM PLEASED THAT THIS PROVISION WAS INCLUDED IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION.

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