

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

HR 10, THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT ACT--A BILL I STRONGLY SUPPORT-- WOULD ADOPT THE FINISH-UP PROGRAM FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONS 13 GOVERNORS.

OVER THE YEARS OF ITS EXISTANCE, THE ARC HAS FOSTERED COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. ARC ASSISTANCE HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN ASSISTING OUR REGION TO MAKE IMPORTANT STRIDES TOWARDS NATIONAL STANDARDS IN HEALTH CARE, JOB TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND INCOME.

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNORS PRESENT A RATIONAL APPROACH TO THE TERMINATION OF THIS MOST VITAL PROGRAM FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGION. THE PROPOSAL RECOGNIZES THE ECONOMIC REALITIES FACING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, DIRECTS OUR ATTENTION TO THOSE ECONOMICALLY AND MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THAT URGENTLY A GUIDING HAND.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.