

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JAN. ¹⁷~~16~~, 1983

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

1982 WAS A YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR THE WORLD-WIDE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEASPONS---AND IN 1983, AMERICANS AGAIN CLEARLY HAVE SHOWN THEIR DESIRE FOR A HALT TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS BUILDUP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE IS ENTERING A CRITICAL PERIOD. THE WORLD'S SUPERPOWERS ARE DEPLOYING OR ARE PLANNING TO DEPLOY MORE DESTABILIZING WEAPONS THAT WILL LEAD THE WORLD CLOSER TO THE RISK OF NUCLEAR EXTINCTION.

LAST YEAR, I CO-SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROPOSAL THAT CALLED ON THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION TO NEGOTIATE A MUTUAL AND VERIFIABLE FREEZE ON THE TESTING, PRODUCTION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NULCEAR WEAPONS. THIS MEASURE FAILED IN THE HOUSE BY ONLY ONE VOTE--BUT MY COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF HAVE INTRODUCED IT AGAIN WITH THE HOPES OF IT BEING APPROVED THIS YEAR.

THIS RESOLUTION IS A COMMON-SENSE APPROACH A GROWING WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM, AND THE TIME IS NOW FOR THE WORLD'S LEADERS TO PLAN FOR PEACE---NOT FOR WAR.

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