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RAHALL TO ADDRESS N.Y. STATE SENATE ON ACID RAIN

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, will appear before the New York State Senate on the topic of acid rain.

At the invitation of State Senator Warren M. Anderson, President pro-tem and Majority Leader of the New York State Senate; and State Senator John R. Dunne, chairman of the New York State Senate's Environmental Conservation Committee, Congressman Rahall will travel to Albany, New York on February 8 to make his presentation.

Rahall, a strong advocate of increased coal use and chairman of the Congressional Coal Group, welcomes the opportunity.

"Acid Rain has emerged as a highly charged political issue," Rahall observed, "and I look forward to this opportunity to cut away some the emotion that surrounds the issue, and to discuss some of the hard facts -- like jobs."

"New York State is the center of the concern surrounding acid rain," Congressman Rahall pointed out.

"Therefore, it is the best place for me to go to state very clearly that stringent, unfounded restraints on coal use may not actually decrease the hazards of acid rain -- but only further erode the economic base of the Appalachian coal fields and put more coal miners out of work," Rahall stressed.

Congressman Rahall's statement will be made on the second day of a two-day symposium that will include the leadership and members of the New York State Legislature, as well as representatives of the State's environmental and industry groups.

"West Virginia has a major stake in the acid rain issue, and I will be proud to represent our State's concerns before the New York State Legislature," Congressman Rahall said.