

CONGRESSMAN Nick Rahall WEST VIRGINIA-4th DISTRICT

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RAHALL TALKS COAL SHIPPING RATES WITH ICC HEAD

Washington D.C. --- West Virginia's Fourth District Congressman Nick J. Rahall, met with Interstate Commerce Commission chairman Reese Taylor, to discuss ICC actions relating to railroad coal transportation.

"This meeting provided me with an opportunity to address the concerns of coal producers and coal shippers, face-to-face, with Chairman Taylor," Congressman Rahall observed.

Congressman Rahall expressed his desire that coal producers be given the opportunity to appear before the ICC on Coal Rate Guidelines. "Producers have first-hand experience on the various coal transportation matters, and in the past I believe the ICC has not received the valuable input of those who are affected the most by ICC decisions," Rahall stated.

Rahall also stressed the need for the ICC to maintain "competition for the protection of consumers and shippers."

(PHOTO OF CONG. RAHALL & CHAIRMAN TAYLOR IS ATTACHED)