

TAPE FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 10

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE UP-COMING ELECTION WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE. A SECOND REAGAN ADMINISTRATION -- WITH THE COOPERATION OF REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS -- CAN BE EXPECTED TO SEEK NEW CUTS IN BOTH PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY MEDICARE.

THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS WILL BE ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR MEDICARE, SINCE THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FACING INCREASINGLY SERIOUS FINANCING PROBLEMS, LARGELY DUE TO RAPID INCREASES IN HEALTH CARE COSTS.

A SECOND REAGAN ADMINISTRATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRY TO SOLVE THE MEDICARE PROBLEMS IN THE SAME WAY IT TRIED TO SOLVE THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS BACK IN 1981 -- BY CUTTING BENEFITS AND ASKING THE ELDERLY TO SHOULDER EVEN MORE OF THE BURDEN OF MEDICAL COSTS.

IN FAIRNESS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY THE OLDER CITIZENS OF WEST VIRGINIA, IT IS TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT TO OUTLINE HIS PLAN FOR MAINTAINING MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY. WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.