

TAPE FOR WEEK OF AUG. 27

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.

BUDGET DEFICITS ARE NOT LIKE THE WEATHER. YES, EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THEM --- BUT, WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

I HAVE RECENTLY BECOME A CO-SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUBMIT A BALANCED BUDGET PLAN BY OCTOBER 1, 1984. THAT PLAN WOULD CONTAIN A CLEAR EXPLANATION AND TIMETABLE TO BRING DOWN THE FEDERAL DEBT, AND TO BALANCE FUTURE BUDGETS.

IF THE PRESIDENT DETERMINED THAT A BALANCED BUDGET WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE UP-COMING YEAR, HE COULD SUBMIT A BUDGET NOT IN BALANCE WITH AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY A BALANCED BUDGET IS NOT BEING SUBMITTED.

WE CERTAINLY ALL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE AND NEED TO HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS SPENDING IN CONTROL. BUT, IT CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS. WE KNOW THAT THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE HARDER THE TASK WILL BE. THAT IS WHY I AM SUPPORTING THIS BALANCED BUDGET LEGISLATION.

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