

TAPE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 30

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN STEELMAKING IS COKE, A MATERIAL MADE FROM METALLURGICAL COAL. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PRODUCT CAN NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED, FOR WITHOUT IT, A GOOD DEAL OF THE STEEL USED BY THIS NATION COULD NOT BE PRODUCED.

FOR THIS REASON, I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ADD COKE TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE. I BELIEVE SUCH A REQUIREMENT WOULD FULFILL THE IMPORTANT NEEDS OF THE MILITARY, INDUSTRIAL AND CIVILIAN POPULATIONS TO GUARANTEE THAT SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF COKE WOULD ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE.

THE REQUIREMENT TO STOCKPILE COKE WOULD ALSO WORK TO STIMULATE THE DEMAND FOR METALLURGICAL COAL -- COAL THAT COMES FROM SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA.

THIS LEGISLATION, I BELIEVE, ADDRESSES IMPORTANT NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS, AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC NEEDS OF OUR STATE.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.