

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEB. 13

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF OUR COUNTRY IS BEING SERIOUSLY THREATENED BY THE PROSPECT OF \$200 BILLION DEFICITS FAR INTO THE FUTURE.

A FUTURE GUARANTEED BY A MASSIVE FEDERAL DEBT DIVERTS INVESTMENT FROM INDUSTRIAL RENEWAL THAT WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR NEW JOBS.

ALSO, IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT EVERY PENNY AMERICANS PAY IN TAXES FROM JANUARY 1ST TO APRIL 1ST GOES TO FINANCE THE INTEREST ONLY ON THE DEBT. IT DOESN'T GO TO BETTER SCHOOLS AND MODERN LABORATORIES, SO OUR TECHNOLOGY CAN GET AHEAD. IT'S NOT FOR NEW FACTORIES, SO OUR WORKERS CAN COMPETE. IT'S NOT FOR BETTER ROADS AND DEEPER HARBORS, SO OUR PRODUCTS CAN GET OUT.

THE FEDERAL DEFICIT DOES NOTHING MORE THAN DRAG DOWN THE NATION'S ECONOMY, AND IT MUST BE ADDRESSED VOID OF POLITICS.

I SUPPORT THE BI-PARTISAN COMMISSION SET UP TO REDUCE THE DEBT, AND I HOPE IT IS SUCCESSFUL IN ITS EFFORTS.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN, NICK RAHALL.