

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 30

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS LAST WEEK, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD SOME SURPRISINGLY GOOD NEWS FOR COAL.

I AM PLEASED THAT MR. REAGAN HAS CHOSEN AT THIS TIME, NOT TO SUPPORT A MASSIVE AND COSTLY ACID RAIN CONTROL PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE DISASTEROUS TO WEST VIRGINIA'S ECONOMY.

INSTEAD, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR MORE RESEARCH INTO THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF ACID RAIN. THIS PRUDENT APPROACH IS ONE THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY BILL, HR 1405, WOULD DO EXACTLY AS THE PRESIDENT WISHES.

IF WE RUSH HEAD-LONG INTO AN ACID RAIN PROGRAM BASED ON FAULTY ASSUMPTIONS, WE MAY CONTROL THE WRONG SUBSTANCE, AT THE WRONG TIME, IN THE WRONG MANNER --- AND PUT NEARLY 80,000 COAL MINERS OUT OF WORK.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.