

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 16

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

1984 WILL BE AN IMPORTANT YEAR IN THE COAL INDUSTRY, AND I BELIEVE EFFORTS WILL HAVE TO BE INTENSIFIED TO EXPAND AND DEVELOPMENT THE EXPORTATION OF AMERICAN COAL, IF THE INDUSTRY AND JOBS ARE TO SURVIVE.

FAILURE OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH RESPECT TO COAL EXPORTS, HAS PROMPTED ME TO PREPARE A LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR INTRODUCTION WHEN CONGRESS GOES BACK INTO SESSION LATER THIS MONTH.

MY COAL EXPORT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1984, IS DESIGNED TO ASSURE FOREIGN COAL BUYERS THAT THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING AND INCREASING THE U.S. MARKET SHARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COAL DEMAND. MY BILL WILL ALSO BETTER ENABLE SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED COAL PRODUCERS TO ENTER THE EXPORT COAL MARKET.

MANY COAL OPERATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA ALREADY SELL COAL OVERSEAS, BUT IT IS MY HOPE TO INCREASE THIS BUSINESS TO PROTECT OUR STATE'S ECONOMY AND OUR STATE'S JOBS.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.