

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JAN. 9

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

REGARDLESS OF THE OPTIMISTIC RHETORIC COMING FROM THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ABOUT ECONOMIC RECOVERY, BUSINESS FAILURES LAST YEAR REACH<sup>ED</sup> THEIR HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. OVER 25,000 BUSINESS CLOSED THEIR DOORS FOR GOOD IN 1983, AND THE LARGEST SEGMENT OF THEM WERE SMALL BUSINESSES.

IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST AND STRENGTHEN SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA, I AM SPONSORING TWO PROCUREMENT CONFERENCES WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK IN HUNTINGTON AND BECKLEY.

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, FROM 8:30AM TO 4PM, ONE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK IN HUNTINGTON.

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, FROM 8:30AM TO 4PM, THE OTHER CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE MSHA ACADEMY IN BECKLEY.

I WANT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS, FOR I FEEL THEY WILL BE BENEFICIAL.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.