THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

BEFORE CONGRESS RECESSED, LEGISLATION WAS PASSED WHICH AUTHORIZED FUNDS FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION, A PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ELIMINATING THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF POVERTY IN APPALACHIA.

DURING THE DEBATE ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, I POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR THE A.R.C. IN OUR REGION OF THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND THE A.R.C. HAS BEEN A MAJOR PART OF OUR EFFORT. MANY OF OUR PEOPLE DEPEND ON THE A.R.C. FOR JOBS, FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR SUSTENANCE. I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE A.R.C. IN OUR CONTINUED DRIVE TO BUILD UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR STATE.

WE IN GOVERNMENT HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT. I FEEL THAT THE A.R.C. IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP AT WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE. THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.