

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JUNE 24

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

LAST YEAR, THE U.S. SENATE DIRECTED THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION TO REPORT ON THE ADEQUATE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AT FIVE V.A. MEDICAL CENTERS, INCLUDING ONE IN WEST VIRGINIA. THIS WAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS OF INADEQUATE STAFFING, RESULTING IN POOR CARE AT THESE MEDICAL CENTERS. THIS REPORT WAS DUE ON JANUARY 1, 1985 AND HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY CONGRESS.

FOR WHATEVER REASON THAT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CAN LIVE WITH, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE STAFFING FOR THE PROPER CARE OF OUR SICK AND DISABLED VETERANS. THIS IS A NATIONAL DISGRACE.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE COMPLETION OF THIS REPORT, I HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO STRONGLY URGE THE V.A. TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTION OF CONGRESS AND SUBMIT THEIR REPORT.

WE OWE A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH FOR OUR COUNTRY. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SACRIFICE ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE IN FAVOR OF COST-CUTTING ACCOUNTING.

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