

TAPE FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IN WAKE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT BUDGET PROPOSALS WE HAVE HEARD MUCH TALK ABOUT OUR SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS SYSTEM AS I FEEL ITS EXISTENCE IS A STATEMENT OF THE CARING AND COMPASSION THAT IS AMERICA.

HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE ADJUSTMENT THAT SHOULD BE MADE. IN 1977, CONGRESS REVISED THE 1972 FORMULA TO COMPUTE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. AS A RESULT INDIVIDUALS BORN MONTHS, WEEKS, EVEN DAYS APART RECEIVED WIDELY ~~DISPARATE~~ *different* BENEFITS. THIS DISPARITY, IN THE FORM OF THE NOTCH YEAR, HAS WEAKENED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY.

IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THIS ~~DISPARITY~~ *notch yr. problem*, I RECENTLY COSPONSORED LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE NOTCH BY GRADUALLY PHASING-IN THE 1972 PLAN WITH THE ONE ADOPTED IN 1977. ~~IT IS THE HOPE OF ME AND MY COLLEAGUES THAT THIS MESH~~ *I hope* ~~OF THE TWO FORMULAS WILL BE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE DISPARITY OF THE NOTCH~~ *work* ~~DISAPPEAR FOREVER.~~ *year*

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