

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

LAST WEEK, AS THE 99TH CONGRESS CONVENED, I TOOK A STEP WHICH I BELIEVE WILL PROTECT OUR DOMESTIC COAL INDUSTRY FROM UNFAIR FOREIGN COMPETITION. I HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHICH WILL IMPOSE A TARIFF ON FOREIGN COAL IMPORTED INTO THIS COUNTRY. I HOPE THAT THIS IMPORT FEE WILL MAKE THE USE OF DOMESTIC COAL MORE ATTRACTIVE TO USERS RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

PRESENTLY, THERE IS NO DUTY AT ALL PLACED ON COAL COMING INTO THIS COUNTRY, MAKING FOREIGN COAL CHEAPER AND MORE ATTRACTIVE TO DOMESTIC USERS. THE LEVEL OF COAL IMPORTED INTO THE U.S. DOUBLED IN 1983 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND THIS TREND CONTINUED IN 1984.

WE CANNOT AFFORD A REPLAY OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY. WE MUST MAKE A STAND HERE AND NOW FOR OUR DOMESTIC INDUSTRY BEFORE THESE FOREIGN IMPORTS THROW MORE OF OUR COAL MINERS OUT OF WORK. I URGE YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING ME TO FIGHT THIS FOREIGN INTRUSION ON OUR COAL INDUSTRY.

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