

# news from ... Congressman Nick Rahall

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## Rahall Hopeful On Saudi Visit

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) says that he is optimistic that a solid working relationship can be developed between manufacturers from southern West Virginia and Saudi businessmen who will be visiting Huntington Thursday at his invitation.

"The conference, which has been relocated to the Student Center at Marshall University, will allow the visiting Saudi Trade Delegation to meet with area manufacturers to explore areas of common agreement on sales, joint ventures, and trade agreements between Saudi Arabia and southern West Virginia," Rep. Rahall said.

The program will commence at 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 11 with a luncheon in the Big Green Room, Henderson Center, at Marshall University, sponsored by the University's Center For Regional Progress. Speakers will include Rep. Rahall, Huntington Mayor Joe Williams, President Dale Nitzchke of Marshall University, and Saudi Deputy Minister of Commerce Abdulrahman Al-Zamil.

The delegation will be given a short walking tour of Marshall University by President Nitzchke on the way to the Student Center where area manufacturers will make presentations on behalf of their companies to the members of the Saudi Delegation. There will be opportunities for discussions on possible joint ventures and trade relationships after the formal presentations.

"There are many products produced in West Virginia which the Saudis need but cannot produce in their own country," Rep. Rahall pointed out. "I am hopeful that they will be able to fulfill their need through West Virginia merchandise."

The luncheon will be open to the press and there will be opportunities to speak to Rep. Rahall and the members of the delegation during the presentations at the Student Center.