

# news from ... Congressman Nick Rahall

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## House Passes Water Projects Bill: Rahall Speaks in Support of WV Projects

Washington, D.C. -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced the House of Representatives has passed a water resources bill, H.R. 6, which authorizes critical projects dealing with port development, inland waterway lock and dam rehabilitation, flood control projects, and municipal water supply systems. Included in the bill is authorization for the Gallipolis Locks and Dams on the Ohio River, Winfield on the Kanawha River, as well as flood control in Logan County, and a water supply system in Huntington.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Rep. Rahall said, "H.R. 6 contains those inland waterway projects which are in vital need of replacement or rehabilitation, including Winfield Locks and Dams on the Kanawha River. As the sponsor of this project in the Public Works Committee, I am pleased that its improvement will provide for more efficient movement of steam and metallurgical coal from southern West Virginia to markets throughout the nation. Another project is the rehabilitation and construction of new locks at Gallipolis on the Ohio River, about 30 miles upstream from Huntington. This is the premier locks and dams project in need of improvement." The bill also provides for projects at locks and dams No. 7 and 8 on the Monongahela River in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

"Title III of the bill authorizes a flood control project I sponsored in subcommittee located along the Island Creek Basin in Logan County. The people of Logan County are deserving of the relief from persistent, destructive flooding which this project will provide," Rep. Rahall stated. "H.R. 6 also contains approval for a low-interest federal loan for a water supply improvement project in Huntington, a project estimated to cost \$2.4 Million."

"No major authorization bill for new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Construction has been enacted since 1970," Rep. Rahall observed. "There is general acknowledgement of the need to update our nation's water policy and to provide a comprehensive plan for the development of our water resources. H.R. 6 provides a plan which will enable the country to begin utilizing its water resources effectively and efficiently."

The bill will now go to the Senate for consideration.

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Rep. Rahall also announced that Monday, December 9, 1985 is the deadline for service academy nominations. All applicants must send any pertinent information to Congressman Rahall in advance of this date.