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**Congressional Coal Group to Meet on Conrail Sale**

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV), Chairman of the Congressional Coal Group, today announced that the first Congressional forum on the sale of Conrail will come during a Coal Group Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 1985, at 1:30 pm, in Room 2167 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Appearing before the Coal Group will be Mr. John Snow, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chessie Systems Railroads; Mr. Arnold McKinnon, Executive Vice President of Marketing and Sales, and Mr. William Bales, Vice President, Coal and Sales, Norfolk Southern Corp.; and a representative from Conrail.

"I believe that the Coal Group meeting will provide an ideal forum for a discussion of this nature, since the coal industry will be most affected by the ramifications of this sale," Rep. Rahall pointed out. "We will hear from all parties to this sale on how the proposal will affect rail rates for captive shippers, as well as the coal industry as a whole."

The meeting of the Coal Group will be open to the press and interested public.

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