

news from ... Congressman **Nick Rahall**

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Rahall in Taiwan to Push West Virginia Exports

TAIWAN -- Fourth District Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) is in Taiwan today to meet with high-level private sector officials and diplomats in order to boost West Virginia exports to Taiwan. Rahall is meeting with the President, Prime Minister, Economic Minister, and Foreign Minister, as well as with the chiefs of China Steel and Tai Power, the two major purchasers of American coal.

"I am optimistic about the marketing opportunities for West Virginia products here in Taiwan," Rahall said. "They have expressed an interest in coal from our state, as well as lumber and timber products."

"China Steel currently buys coal from the Fourth District," Rahall pointed out, "and they will be expanding their 1986 requirements for metallurgical coal used in steel-making. We will be competing against coal produced in Australia, South Africa, and Canada and I am confident of our ability to compete for this expansion project at China Steel." Rahall also discussed with Tai Power the possibility of opening up the steam coal market for our coal to Taiwan. Rahall discussed these opportunities in meetings with Chairman Fu of Tai Power and Chairman King of China Steel.

Rep. Rahall is due to return from the Far East on Monday, December 2.

Rep. Nick Rahall will be available to meet with the press on Tuesday, December 3. For those members of the press in Washington, Rahall will meet with reporters at 2:00 p.m. in his office, 343 Cannon House Office Building. For members of the press in West Virginia, Rep. Rahall will answer any questions via teleconference calls from his four district offices at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Jerry Burkot of Rahall's staff at (202) 225-3452 to arrange to meet at one of the Congressman's district offices in Beckley, Bluefield, Huntington, and Logan.

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