

TAPE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 20

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

LAST WEEK THE HISTORIC 99TH CONGRESS ADJOURNED. THIS TWO-YEAR SESSION WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- THE PASSAGE OF A TAX REFORM PACKAGE, IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SUPERFUND PROGRAM, PASSAGE OF A SWEEPING ANTI-DRUG BILL.

THERE WERE ALSO SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS, NOTABLY IN THE AREA OF CONGRESS'S FAILURE TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF A BILL TO HELP SAVE THE JOBS OF AMERICAN TEXTILE WORKERS IN THE FACE OF THE RISING INFLUX OF CHEAP IMPORTS. IT WAS THIS FAILURE WHICH CAUSED THE MOVEMENT TO REDUCE THE RECORD TRADE DEFICIT RUN UP BY THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO LOSE MOMENTUM TEMPORARILY.

YET, I REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT THE 100TH CONGRESS WILL RENEW THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE JOBS OF SO MANY AMERICAN WORKERS WHO ARE BEING THREATENED BY THIS UNRULY TRADE DEFICIT. AND SHOULD I BE A MEMBER OF THAT CONGRESS, I WILL CONTINUE MY FIGHT TO SAVE THE JOBS OF THOSE WEST VIRGINIANS WHO ARE THREATENED BY OUR IMPORTING FOREIGN COAL -- A TRULY SENSELESS ACT.

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