

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY 14

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

WHEN THE BILL AUTHORIZING PROGRAMS FOR THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK COMES UP IN CONGRESS NEXT WEEK, I WILL SEEK TO AMEND IT BY PROHIBITING THE BANK TO FUND PROJECTS WHICH WILL PRODUCE COMMODITIES FOR IMPORT INTO THE U.S., CHIEFLY COAL.

THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PLAYED A CRUEL JOKE ON THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER AND ESPECIALLY ON THE COAL MINERS OF APPALACHIA WHEN IT PUT TOGETHER AN \$850 MILLION PACKAGE FOR COLOMBIA TO DEVELOP THE EL CERREJON MINE IN THAT NATION, WHICH IN TURN HAS SECURED OVER \$500 MILLION WORTH OF COAL CONTRACTS IN THE U.S., AT THE EXPENSE OF JOBS OF OUR COAL MINERS.

IT HAS NOT BEEN A LAUGHING MATTER AND OUR TIME OF VENGEANCE HAS COME. THE UNITED MINeworkers OF AMERICA IS STANDING BEHIND ME AS THEY REALIZE THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO RESTORE COALFIELD JOBS AND GROWTH IN OUR DOMESTIC COAL INDUSTRY. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WELL.

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