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# Nick Rahall

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## RAHALL QUESTIONS DELAYS AT GALLIPOLIS

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV), concerned by reports of delays of up to 3 1/2 days of shipping traffic at Gallipolis Locks and Dams on the Ohio River, today cited the need for passage of a water resources reauthorization bill which would provide funds to eliminate future delays at Gallipolis.

"It is my understanding that some barges are experiencing delays of up to 3 1/2 days at Gallipolis due to the repair construction which is taking place," Rahall said. "Both the House and Senate have passed a water resources bill and are currently meeting in conference to iron out the differences. I serve on this conference committee and I have repeatedly stressed to my colleagues the need for those projects in West Virginia, particularly Gallipolis Locks & Dams on the Ohio River."

The water resources legislation contains some \$260 million in construction money for Gallipolis, as well as funding for other West Virginia projects such as Winfield Locks and Dam on the Kanawha River, the Island Creek Basin flood control project in Logan County, and a \$2.4 million loan to the City of Huntington to improve its water pumping facilities. The bill also exempts the state from cost-sharing provisions for the Tug Fork flood control project.

"The logjam of traffic at Gallipolis must be eliminated," Rahall stressed. "The delays in shipments of coal and other commodities through the Ohio River are hurting our economy and could have disastrous effects on the coal and shipping industries. I believe that the passage of the water resources bill will ease this traffic jam which is plaguing our state and the surrounding areas."

# House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

MEMORANDUM

7-29-86

TO: NJR

FROM: MC

*mc* *7-29-86* *Yes to P.R.* *+ ci. all conferees* *mc*

Dena Wilson with Waterways Assoc. called this morning; she received a call from one of their members, Dick Hain with M.G. Transport Services based out of Cinn., who is concerned about delays at Gallipolis of up to 3 1/2 days because of repair construction. They were wondering if you'd be interested in doing a press release expressing your concern with the situation and stressing the need for passage of the reauthorization legislation (H.R. 6). In view of the fact that the conferees are working hard on H.R. 6, I'm not sure what good a press release on this would do at this point. (You are conferee) What do you want to do?

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