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RAHALL SPEAKS AGAINST RULES TO CONSIDER CONTINUING FUNDING BILL; CITES REVENUE SHARING ELIMINATION

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today spoke out against the rules which allow the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, the catch-all spending bill which will fund the government past the October 1 start of the new fiscal year, to be considered by the House. Rahall objected to the bill's elimination of monies for the General Revenue Sharing program.

"I find it outrageous that, despite the fact that the Appropriations Committee voted 29-15 to include monies for the General Revenue Sharing program, the bill before us today includes no funding for this program," Rahall told his colleagues. "Revenue Sharing has proven so vital to communities not only in my home state of West Virginia, but throughout this nation, yet the Rules Committee has refused to grant the members of this House the opportunity to vote on Revenue Sharing."

Rahall also cited the inclusion of taxpayer's dollars to support the Contras in Nicaragua in his objections. "I see this as my last opportunity in this Congress to make clear my total and unwavering opposition to the ill-advised policy of aiding these so-called freedom fighters in Nicaragua," Rahall said. The bill contains \$100 million for the Contras.

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