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RAHALL SCHEDULES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) has scheduled an economic development seminar to be held in McDowell County on Thursday, February 12, 1987.

The seminar is part of an ongoing effort by the people of McDowell County to rejuvenate their economy.

"They are on the right track in McDowell County. Turnabout will not happen overnight and they realize that it takes time and dedication to make things happen," Rahall said. "There are many projects underway and civic pride is on an upswing. The people leading the charge have come a long way by themselves and I am honored to help them complete their journey."

The seminar will be a day-long event featuring local business interests and staff from federal and state agencies as well as public and private corporations/foundations who have the ability to invest and provide funding for economic projects in the county.

Rahall noted that the people of McDowell County have progressed too far to see their programs falter due to a lack or absence of funds.

"Much time and effort has been dedicated by many people to make programs such as the Welch Advisory Corps, Sandy River Citizens Action Committee the Economic Development Authority and other projects realities," Rahall commented. "It would be a shame to see it all go to waste. I am going to do my utmost to see that we can match these groups with agencies that can provide them with the funds to either remain active or to get started."

Rahall met recently in Gary with county business and government leaders and discussed the role he is playing in further developing McDowell County's economy, an area battered recently by deteriorating metallurgical coal markets.