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RAHALL SAYS ROCKEFELLER ASSIGNMENT TO HELP WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "From the Senate viewpoint, the 100th Congress looks brighter for West Virginia than it did when the body was under Republican control. This new hope is a result of Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) being in the top leadership position and key assignments given to Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.).

Those were the sentiments of U.S. Representative Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) when he learned of the assignment of Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) to the Senate Finance Committee.

"The Senate Finance Committee will certainly consider trade reform legislation in the upcoming session," Rahall said. "I look forward to Jay's active efforts on legislation to promote fair trading practices. I also think Jay will be in a good position to work with me on my legislation to stem the tide of foreign coal entering the U.S."

Rahall also expressed his support of Rockefeller's decision to retain his position on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

"The Senate Commerce Committee is important because it has jurisdiction over the Staggers Rail Act of 1980," Rahall said. "The committee will probably consider legislation to protect captive coal shippers during the next Congress."

Rahall thinks Rockefeller's assignments will help the West Virginia delegation in its efforts to diversify West Virginia's economy and promote tourism.

"Jay is an influential member of the Senate. Although he has only been there two years, he carries clout. When he talks, people listen."