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RAHALL QUESTIONS CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO BILATERAL TRADE

Ottawa, Canada -- In meetings here with the Canadian Minister of International Trade and other Parliamentary officials, U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) expressed his concern with the recent upsurge in exported Canadian electrical power to the U.S. Rahall also discussed the lucrative metallurgical coal trade between the two neighboring nations.

Rahall visited Canada as part of a Congressional Delegation of members of the Congressional Steel Caucus. The 36 - hour trip served as part of an ongoing dialogue between Steel Caucus members and their Canadian counterparts.

"I held very frank, very wide-ranging talks with high-ranking Canadian officials, including International Minister of Trade Pat Carney, concerning the rise in exports of Canadian electrical power, steel exports, and the metallurgical coal trade between our two nations," Rahall said. "Canada imported 6.4 million tons of metallurgical coal from the U.S. last year -- making them our second largest customer of metallurgical coal."

Rahall added, "Over half of this was West Virginia coal."

Rahall also discussed the controversial acid rain issue with the Canadians, as well as expressing his concern over Canada's rising share of the U.S. steel market. "Canada's exports hit a record level during the first month of 1987, at a time when they were supposed to cutting back on exports into the U.S.," Rahall observed. "I used this meeting as an occasion to remind them of their commitment and urge them to live up to it."

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