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RAHALL PRAISES PASSAGE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) today praised the passage of a joint conference report on the School Improvement Act (H.R. 5), stating that by taking stock in education, the nation is planning for the future. The conference agreement reauthorizes through Fiscal Year 1993 all Federal Elementary and Secondary Education programs -- including Chapter 1 compensatory education, Chapter 2 education block grants, and adult education. It amends Chapter 1 to authorize additional funds to districts with high concentrations of low-income children, expand the teaching of basic skills in high schools and prevent dropouts, and integrate adult education of parents with early childhood education for their pre-school children. The measure also includes a provision prohibiting all dial-a-porn telephone operations.

"For years I have believed that the best way to take stock in America's future is to provide a strong, sound education for our youth and adults who are intent on broadening their knowledge," Rahall said. "This conference report not only provides funds for rural areas such as West Virginia, but it also includes money for programs to aid the non-traditional students, and to show our teens that it is cool to stay in school."

Rahall said the "Even Start" program will be one that may become very popular in West Virginia citing the high rate of adult illiteracy in his state and the desire of people to learn.

"The Even Start program will combine basic education for disadvantaged parents with early childhood education for their pre-school children," Rahall stated.

The report passed the House 397-1 and now goes to the Senate for a vote.

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