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## RAHALL, COLLEAGUES INTRODUCE SCENIC HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) has joined with his colleagues in the House of Representatives in introducing legislation to develop a network of scenic highways and historic roads all across this nation.

"Several of my colleagues and I on the Public Works and Transportation Committee have introduced this legislation in anticipation of the completion of the federal interstate highway system, projected for completion around 1991," Rep. Rahall said. "Upon completion of that project, the highway trust fund would be an excellent source of funding to bring my vision of a federal network of scenic highways a reality. Now is the time to begin planning our highway priorities in the post-interstate era."

"Our legislation would direct the Secretary of Transportation to identify scenic and historic roads throughout the country and create and develop a system for these roads," Rep. Rahall explained. "Two that immediately come to mind are the New River Parkway, funded by my legislation a few years ago, and my proposal for a Coal Heritage Trail across southern West Virginia."

Rahall has been working with several area leaders in developing a network of historic sites displaying the rich coal mining heritage in West Virginia and his legislation for a federal study of this project passed Congress last year and is now federal law.

"Our bill in the House was introduced by Senator Rockefeller in the Senate," Rahall pointed out. "I look forward to working closely with Senator Rockefeller in pushing our legislation to bring this project to fruition."

The House legislation, H.R. 1087, was introduced Wednesday. "I think it is important to note that this bill was referred to the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. It will be considered initially in the Surface Transportation Subcommittee, of which I am the ranking Democratic member," Rahall observed.