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## RAHALL USHERS IN "THE YEAR OF EDUCATION"

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II (D-WV) announced today that he was very pleased with the recommended increases in appropriations by the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee. The Subcommittee voted to increase many of the education programs current spending levels. These increases included \$88.5 million for handicapped education programs, \$30.9 million for the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act, \$1.2 million for the Consumer and Homemaker Education Act, and \$10 million for The Drug Free Schools and Communities Program.

Rahall added that his only regret was that the Subcommittee had only maintained, without significantly increasing, the Title IV student aid funds, which includes Guaranteed Student Loans and Pell Grants. However, once reconciliation agreements required by the Budget Resolutions are received, the Committee has promised to review student aid funding recommendations on an expedited basis.

"This is a major victory for those of us that care about education," concluded Rahall. "This additional funding will make it possible for students in West Virginia, as well as around the nation, to receive the education that they deserve."