



U.S. Congressman
Nick Rahall
WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CONTACT: KENT KEYSER****TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1990****PHONE: (202) 225-3452****RAHALL ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE WISH LIST FOR 1990**

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Rahall also plans to introduce the "State Fish and Wildlife Assistance Act, which would earmark a portion of federal mineral revenues to states for programs benefiting fish and wildlife.

"The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Act of 1989," which Rahall introduced in the last session will remain a priority in this session. It will provide the resources necessary for the continued reclamation of high priority public health and safety threatening abandoned coal mine sites. This program in the past has made over \$200 million dollars available to West Virginia.

In the area of health, Rahall has introduced the "Area Health Education Center Initiative Act of 1989." This Bill will provide for centers to serve geographic areas which have high numbers of low-income individuals, and those with chronic diseases, such as Black Lung. Rahall hopes Marshall University will base one such center. He has introduced the "Black Lung Benefits Eligibility Clarification Act" which seeks to impose the type of black lung eligibility standard originally intended by the Congress by reiterating that a claimant can establish a presumption of black lung with a single piece of qualifying evidence.

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Finally, Rahall wants to continue to lay the groundwork for reauthorization of the federal highway act up in 1991, and to complete the Appalachian Corridor system.

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ROUTE SLIP

Initials: Yent

☒ F.Y.I.

☐ Answer/Take Care Of

☐ S.M.O.T.

☐ F.A.T.

☐ Expedite

☐ Read-File

☐ Read-Discard

☒ Read Initial-Pass On-Return To: Sms

☐ CMAN

☐ All Offices

☒ All District Offices

☐ Washington Office Only

☐ Beckley Office Only

☐ Huntington Office Only

☐ Bluefield Office Only

☐ Logan Office Only

☒ Aaron

AK ☐ Birdie

☐ Chris

JP ☐ Jackie

JP ☐ Kent

W ☐ Mike

OP ☐ Steve

☐ Vickie

MM ☐ other

☐ other

☐ other

☐ Betty

☐ Dick

☐ Pat

☐ Kelly

☐ Scott

☐ Annie

☐ Debrina

☐ Debbie

☐ Vickie

☐ other

☐ other

COMMENTS:

Kent: Marshall Med
School Can sponsor,
establ + supervise
new AHEC's in one
or all of Raleigh's
8-county district
under his bill, ~~which~~
but Marshall would
not itself be an
Ahec.
OK

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*Sponsor & establish a network of
such centers throughout the 8-county
area not now having area health centers.*