



U.S. Congressman  
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*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

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RAHALL PLEDGES FURTHER HELP  
FOR HUNTINGTON SIXTH STREET BRIDGE

BECKLEY, WV -- U.S. REP. NICK J. RAHALL (D-WV) TODAY EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT FUNDING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HUNTINGTON'S SIXTH STREET BRIDGE IN 1990.

"THE CONGRESS HAS DIRECTED THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO GIVE "PRIORITY" TO THE SIXTH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT THROUGH LANGUAGE I INCLUDED IN THE TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 1988," SAID RAHALL. "IN THIS LATEST ROUND OF FUNDING, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFERED THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA \$10 MILLION. ACCORDING TO WEST VIRGINIA OFFICIALS, BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE DESIGN OF THE BRIDGE, THEY WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ALL OF THE FUNDING INCLUDED UNDER ONE CONTRACT, SO THEY TURNED DOWN THE \$10 MILLION. I WANT TO WORK WITH THE STATES TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM."

RAHALL CONCLUDED, "I DO NOT THINK THE BRIDGE IS UNDULY DELAYED. THE STATE HAS YET TO COMPLETE THE PLANNING PHASE OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS NECESSARY BEFORE IT CAN DRAW ON ANY FEDERAL FUNDS. WHAT WE APPEAR TO BE DEALING WITH IS A DIFFERENCE IN HOW THE PROJECT SHOULD BE APPROACHED. I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES."

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