



U.S. Congressman

**Nick Rahall**

*WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 24, 1995

CONTACT: SHAWN BECKETT  
Communications Assistant  
Phone: (202) 225-3452

Statement Of U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall

President Clinton's State of the Union Address

I give the President high marks for the vision he offered for America's next Century. The middle class bill of rights offers opportunities to West Virginians, especially our younger people who are trying to get their feet on the ground.

I had hoped that investing in our nation's infrastructure, our highways and water systems, and job creation would have commanded more attention. By maintaining the freeze in discretionary programs, he continues the strict budget discipline we began in 1993 but, I want to take a close look at the proposed cuts -- to insure West Virginia can step into the next century without having our legs sawed off beneath us.

-- 30 --





\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\* ACTIVITY REPORT \*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\*

ACTY#	MODE	CONNECTION TEL	CONNECTION ID	START TIME	USAGE T.	PAGES	RESULT
*0588	TX	G3	93951232	01/24 10:38	00'32	1	OK
*0590	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 10:50	00'43	1	OK
*0591	TX	G3	80002	01/24 10:51	04'16	6	OK
*0592	AUTO RX	ECM	202 225 0442	01/24 10:56	00'48	1	OK
*0593	AUTO RX	ECM	202 225 0442	01/24 10:58	00'48	1	OK
*0594	AUTO RX	G3	202 456 2370	01/24 11:09	00'32	1	OK
*0595	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 12:13	00'46	1	OK
*0596	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 12:17	01'30	2	OK
*0597	TX	ECM	76745	01/24 12:34	00'22	1	OK
*0598	TX	ECM	97975461	01/24 12:38	01'18	1	OK
*0599	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 12:47	00'38	1	OK
*0600	TX	ECM	913045295591	01/24 13:01	00'32	1	OK
*0601	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 13:15	01'22	1	OK
*0602	AUTO RX	G3	202 588 0714	01/24 13:25	01'53	4	OK
*0603	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 14:01	00'19	1	OK
*0604	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 14:27	00'37	1	OK
*0605	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 14:49	00'59	2	OK
*0607	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 14:51	00'44	1	OK
*0606	TX	G3	913044650591	01/24 14:53	04'07	7	OK
*0608	AUTO RX	ECM	2026281542	01/24 15:14	01'07	2	OK
*0609	TX	G3	913047528797	01/24 16:01	00'33	1	OK
*0610	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 16:09	06'37	5	OK
*0611	AUTO RX	ECM	2027205401	01/24 16:32	05'29	18	OK
*0612	TX	ECM	94562370	01/24 16:38	00'25	1	OK
*0613	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 16:42	00'39	1	OK
*0614	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 16:45	01'31	2	OK
*0615	AUTO RX	ECM	304 752 6111	01/24 16:48	00'41	1	OK
*0616	TX	ECM	913045583797	01/24 16:56	01'00	2	OK
*0617	AUTO RX	ECM	202 225 4472	01/24 16:57	01'55	1	OK
*0618	TX	ECM	93470958	01/24 18:22	00'27	1	OK
*0619	TX	G3	92447824	01/24 18:24	00'30	1	OK
*0620	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 18:25	00'18	1	OK
*0621	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 18:32	04'08	6	OK
*0622	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 18:42	00'39	1	OK
*0623	AUTO RX	G3	202 225 0449	01/24 18:58	03'58	6	OK
*0624	AUTO RX	ECM		01/24 19:07	00'30	1	OK
*0625	AUTO RX	G3		01/24 19:15	01'32	2	OK
*0626	TX	G3	93475017	01/24 21:50	00'57	1	OK
*0627	TX	G3	913043455282	01/24 23:29	00'57	1	OK
0629	TX	G3	917035583815	01/24 23:33	00'47	1	OK

~~\* Eric Webb~~

~~- 628-2157~~

for Beckley News.

Can Fax ~~628-2157~~

(F) 347-5017

\* Pam Brogan

276-5217 fax Statement

Penal  
this  
week.

558-3814 or

3815



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 24, 1995

CONTACT: SHAWN BECKETT  
Communications Assistant  
Phone: (202) 225-3452

Statement Of U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall

President Clinton's State of the Union Address

I give the President high marks for the vision he offered for America's next Century. The middle class bill of rights offers opportunities to West Virginians, especially our younger people who are trying to get their feet on the ground.

I had hoped that investing in our nation's infrastructure, our highways and water systems, and job creation would have commanded more attention. By maintaining the freeze in discretionary programs, he continues the strict budget discipline we began in 1993 but, I want to take a close look at the proposed cuts -- to insure West Virginia can step into the next century without having our legs sawed off beneath us.

How's this for tonight?

We can fax to:

Gannett and Thompson (for Register Herald)

both whom have ~~called~~ and fax it it up  
as well, ok?

Public Radio is the ~~only~~ radio to  
call.  
- Kent

## **MIDDLE CLASS BILL OF RIGHTS**

To help hard-working American families:

**Raise and educate their children.**

**Train for higher-paying jobs.**

**Buy a first home.**

**Save for retirement.**

**Child Tax Credit --** Up to \$500 for each child 12 years old and under, for families earning less than \$75,000.

**Education Tax Deduction --** Up to \$10,000 deduction per family for tuition for college, community college, vocational colleges, graduate school, and worker retraining for families making less than \$120,000.

**Expanded IRA --** Up to \$2,000 in tax-free contributions to an IRA account, or tax-free withdrawals, for families with incomes up to \$100,000. Penalty-free withdrawals for education, major medical expenses and the purchase of a first home.

**Skill Grants.** Up to \$3000 in grants as well as loans to empower dislocated and low-income workers to get new skills. Paid for by consolidating more than 50 training programs.

**Investments in Education and Training.** Long-term investments in education and job training to give Americans the skills they need to compete in the global economy.

**Paid For By Cuts in Government Spending.** The plan will be paid for by maintaining the freeze on discretionary spending (\$52 billion in savings) and by major cuts in Cabinet Departments and agencies. (\$24 billion).



## STATE OF THE UNION

### **THE PRESIDENT IS FIGHTING FOR:**

**A NEW ECONOMY -- preparing our people for the demands of the New American economy; working to raise incomes.**

A Middle Class Bill of Rights to help middle class families raise and educate their children, train for higher-paying jobs, buy a first home, and save for retirement.

Vigilance on the deficit.

Reducing barriers to American exports.

Enacting health care reform.

**A NEW GOVERNMENT -- creating a smaller, more effective government to meet new challenges, not serve old interests.**

Smallest federal work-force since Kennedy.

Cutting unnecessary spending and programs.

Real lobbying and campaign finance reform.

**A NEW COVENANT of rights and responsibilities between government and the American people.**

Helping people obtain the tools they need to improve their lives; asking them to take responsibility for themselves and their communities.

Reforming our welfare system to demand responsibility and move people to work.

Continuing the fight against crime.

Building on the national service program.

**WORKING WITH CONGRESS where possible, but not allowing Congress to take us backwards.** No roll-back of progress we've made cutting the deficit, reforming education, fighting crime, or improving public health and the environment.

**TALKING POINTS ON STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS  
JANUARY 24, 1995**

- The President is going to speak about where he wants to take the country and how he intends to work with the new Congress in accomplishing his goals for the nation.
- This is a time of both challenge and opportunity for the American people.
  - Despite the economic recovery, too many families are still working harder for less and are concerned about their future. Those with inadequate education and training are facing stagnant or falling incomes. Our values as a people are under attack.
  - There is great opportunity in the changing economy. Half of today's jobs did not exist just 20 years ago. Markets abroad are being opened; peace and democracy are spreading.
- The President will talk about his economic strategy for preparing the American people to face the demands of today's economy and to raise incomes today and in the future. This includes continued vigilance on the deficit, the Middle Class Bill of Rights -- which will help middle class families meet the costs of raising and educating their children, obtaining training for higher-paying jobs, purchasing a first home, and saving for their retirement -- continuing to reduce barriers to our exports, and enacting health care reform.
- The President will also reiterate his commitment to reforming government and the political system -- creating a government that is smaller and more effective, that meets new challenges instead of serving old interests. This means continuing the reinvention of government, cutting the Federal bureaucracy by 272,000 positions, cutting unnecessary spending and programs, and providing for needed political reforms, including lobbying and campaign finance reform.
- Finally, the President will reassert the New Covenant of rights and responsibilities between government and the American people. Government must help people obtain the necessary tools to improve their lives, but people must take the responsibility of building their lives, their communities, and their country. This means reforming our welfare system to a system of work and responsibility; it also means continuing the fight against crime; and it means building on the Americorps national service program.
- In fighting for these principles, the President will work with the Congress whenever possible -- whenever they want to move forward with him. However, he will not permit the Congress to take us backward -- to go back on the progress made over the past two years in combating the deficit, in reforming education, in fighting crime.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1995

11:00 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR REPRESENTATIVE RAHALL

FROM: PATRICK J. GRIFFIN  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Enclosed please find talking points concerning the President's State of the Union address. The speech is undergoing finishing touches and is not yet available in its entirety. The enclosed talking points touch on the general themes of the President's address.

If advance copies of the address become available, we will get them to your office. However, these talking points may be all that are available prior to the speech.

I hope you will find these useful as you communicate with your media outlets throughout the day and into the night.