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I think this would be an excellent opportunity for Congressman Rahall to show what he has accomplished for the third district.

Possible questions

~~MAJOR POINTS TO STRESS~~

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1 Health Care

1. How are you going to vote on health care reform?

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First let me say that there are 66,000 people in West Virginia's 3rd district who do not have health care. This is a major concern of mine. It is my opinion that every American is entitled to affordable health care. As for how I am going to vote, I will have to wait and see the contents of the bill. In our state, it's important that West Virginians have access to health care. Whatever health care bill the Congress considers - those are the basic requirements it will need to get my support

2 Crime

The bill did not address the real cause of crime, the criminal. *For a d* The Crime bill I did support included ~~it~~

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After talking to many of my constituents, it was very clear they were not in favor of the bill.

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We as a nation needed a comprehensive bill that was straight forward and dealt with the real causes of crime. I could not vote for a bill that was part crime bill and part social program.

Health Care and abortion

3. What about abortions and the health care reform and how do you feel about it.

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Other
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4. How would you vote if it contained funding for abortions.

I can not say at this time. I will have to wait until I see the language in the bill and make a choice at that time.

Health care - The Medi-savings Plan

5. What do you think about Medi-Savings.

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6. My mother is sick and my employer will not let me leave to care for her. What can I do?

I supported and Congress passed the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. This bill will allow you to take 12 weeks unpaid leave each year for you to care for your mother. This act entitles you to take this leave and keep your job.

7. The economy is not getting any better in West Virginia.

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~~8. The new taxes are hurting the West Virginia economy.~~

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9. It seems to me that the government would run better if the President had the power of the line item veto.

Earned
income
tax
credit

The constitution set up spending to be shared by both the legislative and executive branch. If the president had the power of the line item veto he would have too much power. This would create an imbalance of power between the branches of government.

10. I am a small independent insurance agent. I am afraid of what will happen if the McCarran-Ferguson Act is repealed. How are you going to vote?

At this time I am going to have to wait and see what will be done with the bill. It is possible that it might be attached to another bill.

11. My husband was applying for black lung before he died. I am having a very hard time providing the required evidence to become eligible for benefits. What can I do?

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