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**RAHALL "DRUG FREE SCHOOLS" BILL
OVERWHELMINGLY PASSES HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep Nick J. Rahall's (D-WV) push for cleaner schools received an overwhelming victory today. The "Drug Free School Zones" bill passed the House of Representative by a vote of 371-0. The bill will now go to conference with the Senate version where a final bill will emerge that both houses of Congress will vote on.

"I am elated that the House has seen fit to pass this important legislation and I will do all that I can to see that it is provided for in the final bill that both houses accept," said Rahall.

Rahall's "Drug Free School Zones" Bill would provide:

- increased emphasis on the States to enact harsher Drug laws that would impose harsher sentences on Drug Dealers caught pushing to school children.
- assistance to school officials in cooperating with law enforcement agencies.
- aid for public information of State school safety laws.
- cooperation with advisory officials on drug abuse education and prevention.
- education to all school personnel and students that illegal drug activities will not be tolerated.
- for the creation of a program that would post signs designating areas as drug free zones.

"This bill will put those who would destroy our children's lives on notice, it will teach our children at an early age that they are safe at school from the scourge of drugs, but most importantly, it will turn the tide in the "Drug War" in America's schoolyards," said Rahall.

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