



U.S. Congressman  
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**RAHALL, NELSON DISCUSS SURPLUS PROPERTY ON TUESDAY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall and Mayor Robert Nelson have called for a joint press conference on Tuesday, June 5th at 11:00 am at City Hall.

The press conference will focus on Rep. Rahall's Surplus Property Bill which would give states first crack at Defense Department surplus property before foreign governments.

"This bill represents a good, sound first step in terms of reordering our priorities as a nation," said Rahall. "The law, as it was originally written, called on states to receive surplus property before foreign governments; however, in 1986, the law was changed so that foreign governments were put before states. My bill simply rights a wrong: it changes the law back to its original intent."

Mayor Nelson and the Congressman will discuss the long-term implications for the city of Huntington and for the entire state.

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## **NELSON, RAHALL TO MEET ON TUESDAY**

HUNTINGTON -- Mayor Robert R. Nelson and Congressman Nick Joe Rahall will have a joint press conference on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at City Hall, Nelson announced today.

The press conference will focus on a bill Rahall is co-sponsoring that would require the federal government to give state and local governments first pick of any surplus property the federal government has.

An amendment to the Fiscal Year 1986 Defense Authorization Act, authorized the Secretary of Defense to make available for humanitarian relief purposes any non-lethal excess property of the Department of Defense. Such property is then transferred to the Department of State for foreign distribution.

Since 1986, the amount of surplus property distributed to foreign countries has steadily increased. Rahall's bill mandates that state



and local governments be given first priority when the federal government distributes surplus property.

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Nelson's press release.

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conference, going to make  
mention of HF Senior Citizens  
Program.

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