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**RAHALL, EDUCATION AND LABOR REFUEL HEAD START**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV), a member of the Education and Labor Committee, announced today that his committee today passed H.R. 4551, the bill which will fully fund the Head Start program by 1994, and adopted an amendment offered by him which doubles the amount to be spent on the Parent Child Centers Program.

"Today we spent some of that 'peace dividend' on ourselves," said Rahall. "We were able to fully fund the Head Start program, authorizing \$7 billion until 1994, and we doubled the funding level of the Parent Child Centers Program from \$15 million to \$30 million, which will rise to \$33.7 million in Fiscal Year 1994."

There are 36 Parent Child Centers in the United States serving children from birth to three years of age. These centers provide educational, social, and health services, including dental care from the time a child is born until he or she is three years of age.

Rahall, who recently visited one of the two Parent Child Centers in West Virginia located in Crum, West Virginia, commented on the effectiveness of the program: "These centers have become effective bridges between parents and children. They create a loving partnership. In fact, many of the parents who participate in the program often become so involved that they return to school, earning an early childhood development certificate and become paid aides at the center."

Rahall also commented on Mary Jane Bevins, Director of Head Start Services in West Virginia, who conducted the tour of the Crum facility and who recently testified at public hearings held by Rahall's Education and Labor Committee: "Ms. Bevins is a recognized national expert on Parent Child Care Centers, and I felt privileged to introduce her as a witness at those hearings. I was deeply impressed by her knowledge of the program and her life-long dedication to Head Start in West Virginia. It was her testimony which led the authorizing committee to expand funding to double its current level, and for that I am truly thankful."

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SUGGESTED PRESS -- REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM

Rep. Nick Rahall announced today that the full Committee on Education and Labor reported its bill, H.R. 4151, reauthorizing the Head Start Program.

"The bill calls for full funding of the Head Start program by FY 1994, authorizing \$7 billion for that purpose, in order to serve all three and four year olds from low income families who are eligible for these services," said Rahall.

Rahall was also pleased that an amendment, offered by Committee chairman Gus Hawkins, on behalf of himself and Rahall, expands the Parent Child Centers Program, by doubling the amount to be spent by the Secretary from \$15 million currently to \$30 million in FY 1991, rising to \$33.7 million in FY 94.

"There are only 36 parent child centers in the United States serving children from birth to 3 years old, and two of them are in West Virginia," Rahall stated. This is something of which I am very proud, for these centers serve both children and parents, in a loving partnership between the centers and the parents in providing educational, social and health services, including dental care from the time a child is born until he or she is 3 years old. Many of the parents who participate in this unique program often become so involved that they return to school, earning an early childhood development certificate and become paid aides at the Centers.

Rahall visited the Parent Child Center in Crum in Wayne County late last week, to see first-hand how the program works. Mary Jane Bevins, Director of Head Start Services in WV, who conducted the tour with Rahall, was recently a witness at public hearings held by Rahall's Education and Labor Committee in Washington D.C. on the Head Start reauthorization bill. "Ms. Bevins is recognized as a national expert on Parent Child Centers," said Rahall, "and I was privileged to introduce her as a witness at the hearings, and deeply impressed by her knowledge of the program and her life-long dedication to Head Start in WV. It was her testimony which led the authorizing committee to expand funding for the program to double the amount spent today, Rahall concluded.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Birdie Kyle  
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FROM: Carole Stringer

RE: Parent Child Center Amendment

DATE: April 30, 1990

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Attached is the Parent Child Center Amendment which Mr. Hawkins will offer tomorrow on behalf of himself, Congressman Kildee and Congressman Rahall.

Encl.

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4-30-90; 3:30 p.m.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. HAWKINS  
TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4151

Page 2, line 5, strike ``(4)'' and insert ``(5)''.

Page 2, line 25, strike ``paragraphs (4) and (5)'' and  
insert ``paragraphs (5) and (6)''.

Page 4, line 11, strike ``paragraph (4)'' and insert  
``paragraph (5)''.

Page 5, line 1, strike ``paragraph (4)'' and insert  
``paragraph (5)''.

Page 5, line 22, strike the close quotation marks and the  
period at the end.

Page 5, after line 22, insert the following:

- 1       ``(4)(A) The Secretary shall reserve \$30,000,000 for
- 2       fiscal year 1991, \$31,200,000 for fiscal year 1992,



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1 \$32,448,000 for fiscal year 1993, and \$33,745,920 for fiscal  
2 year 1994 to make grants to Head Start agencies to carry out  
3 early childhood intervention programs, to be known as 'Parent-  
4 Child Centers', within Head Start programs.

5 `` (B)(i) Such programs shall be designed--

6 `` (I) to enhance the development of children who are  
7 less than 3 years of age; and

8 `` (II) to strengthen the family unit by providing  
9 opportunities for increasing the child development skills  
10 and knowledge of their parents.

11 `` (ii) Such programs shall provide comprehensive services  
12 (such as social, health, and educational services) to low-  
13 income families with children who are less than 3 years of  
14 age. Notwithstanding section 645(c), such programs may  
15 provide such services to any eligible family during any  
16 period of time and may be center-based, home-based, or a  
17 combination of both.

18 `` (C) Funds reserved under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal  
19 year shall be allotted as follows:

20 `` (i) 87 percent of such funds shall be allotted  
21 among the States in the same proportion as funds are  
22 allotted among the States under paragraph (5).

23 `` (ii) 13 percent of such funds shall be used to--

24 `` (I) increase the allotments made under clause  
25 (i) so that the allotment made under clause (i) for

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1 each State is not less than the amount expended in  
2 fiscal year 1990 by Head Start agencies in such State  
3 to carry out early childhood intervention programs of  
4 the kind described in subparagraph (B); and

5 `` (Ii) to make payments for programs and services  
6 specified in paragraph (2)(A) and to make payments to  
7 entities specified in paragraph (2)(B) to carry out  
8 such programs.

9 `` (D) For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'low-  
10 income family' means a family that satisfies the eligibility  
11 requirements applicable under section 645(a).''.