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RAHALL RAKES UP DOLLARS OUT OF ENERGY AND WATER

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1991 has earmarked millions in project funding for southern West Virginia. The bill appropriates \$150 million for the ARC, \$1.125 million for the expansion of Harris Riverfront Park and \$75,000 for floodproofing along Krout's Creek. Both projects are located in Huntington, and both were granted at the request of Rep. Rahall.

On the heels of the Harris River Park success, the Committee also has provided \$500,000 to complete a reconnaissance study of the needs and opportunities for enhancing urban waterfront areas in West Virginia along the Ohio River.

"Tourism is the second largest industry in West Virginia," said Rahall. "And it has the capability of being infinitely more profitable. I think that it is time that we put together a coherent strategy and moved forward with our tourism plan. We have a lot to offer tourists, so all we need now is the knowledge to market it properly."

The bill also provides funding for vital water infrastructure projects which will greatly assist in West Virginia's ability to more efficiently transport goods. The bill provides \$46.3 million for continued construction of new locks at Gallipolis on the Ohio River, about thirty miles outside Huntington. In addition the bill also provides \$16.2 million for construction at Winfield Locks on the Kanawha. The water traffic which must pass through these locks has increased five fold since the locks were designed.

"This bill also includes funding for flood control. \$64.8 million for flood control projects on the Levisa and Tug Fork and upper Cumberland River," said Rahall. "In addition, many current Corps of Engineers projects were given additional funds."

Those projects include:

Beech fork Lake	\$689,000
Bluestone Lake	\$982,000
Burnsville Lake	\$1,015,000
East Lynn Lake	\$1,059,000
Elk River Harbor	\$300,000
Elkins	\$5,000
Kanawha River Locks and Dams	\$6.59 million

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R.D. Bailey lake	\$1.33 million
Stonewall Jackson Lake	\$872,000
Summersville Lake	\$1.15 million
Sutton Lake	\$1.325 million
Tygart Lake	\$915,000
Island Creek Basin	\$400,000