

U.S. Congressman  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Calling it the toughest decision of his 14 years in Congress and stating he wanted to "give a true peace a real chance", U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall has decided that he, "will stand with our President, stand by our troops, and will ask for God's guidance in both."

Rahall said that his decision came after painful reflection on an issue that affects him on many different levels. During his 2:00 a.m. speech before the House of Representatives, he called again for the burden of war to be more equally distributed, and called for a return to the task of solving the problems that are hitting our people right here at home.

"I have attacked our allies, especially Japan and Germany, for not doing more to share the burden. Their help can best be described as frustrating and downright despicable," said Rahall. "But I know this will not allow us to escape from the tough decision we must make under our Constitution."

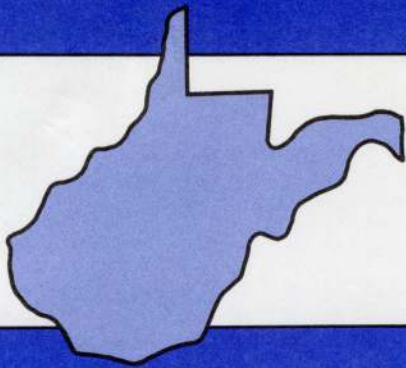
The Congressman added, "I want peace, the American people want peace, and George Bush wants peace. I want to return our attention to our problems immediately on our doorstep: infrastructure, health care, education, an energy policy based on alternative fuels, and caring for the needs of Americans at home."

Rahall concluded, "In order to return to the pressing problems here at home, the Gulf crisis must be resolved and resolved sooner than later. At this time, this last weekend of hope, this last best chance to obtain peace, regardless of differences with our President on this or other issues, let us stand on foreign shores behind our truly last hope for peace, President George Bush."

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Rahall said that his decision came after weeks of painful reflection on an issue that affects him on many different levels. He called again for the burden of war to be more equally distributed, and called for a return to the task of solving the problems that are hitting our people right here at home.

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