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INTELLIGENCE REFORM ACT



On December 7th, the House of Representatives passed the Conference Report for S. 2845, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, by an overwhelming vote of 336-75. I voted in favor of the conference report, and am proud to have supported the creation of a director of national intelligence and a counterterrorism center, along with the streamlining of our intelligence services. This bill will help make our nation safer from those who wish to do us harm.

Although I supported the overall bill, I still have reservations about portions of the legislation that, in my view, do not adequately address the problems with some of our nation's immigration policies. I am pleased to know that House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner will introduce further border security and immigration reform provisions when the 109th Congress convenes in January 2005.

Without question, we need to do all we can to ensure the safety of America's citizens. The passage of the intelligence reform bill is a positive step towards that effort. While there are certain provisions that need to be remedied, by and large this bill is a needed step towards security in a post-9/11 world.

From the mailbox...

Dear Congressman Bonner,

Thank you very much for your recent letters.

Sadly, my mom was refused a visitors visa again....Needless to say, we are disappointed by this outcome. However, I would like to seize this opportunity to express my gratitude to you and your staff, especially Brooks, for your concern and understanding and willingness to help.

Thank you again.

Very truly yours,

A disappointed, but grateful constituent

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A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Friend

As 2004 and the 108th Congress come to an end, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for the confidence and trust you have placed in my staff and me over the past two years. Having the opportunity to represent the 633,500 people of the First District in the U.S. House of Representatives has been the greatest honor I have ever received, and I appreciate all of the encouragement and suggestions I have received from many of you during the past two years.

As we begin preparing for the 109th Congress and the challenges which lie ahead, I want to renew my commitment to each of you and your families that I will do all I can to provide the most effective representation possible. My staff and I serve the people of south Alabama, and I hope you will contact us whenever we can be of assistance.

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AROUND THE FIRST DISTRICT



Left: I recently had the privilege of visiting Master Marine in Bayou La Batre. Pictured with me are Brett Dungan and Steven Roppoli with the KOLBY D in the background.



Right: It was a pleasure to meet with Ron Arnold in my Baldwin County office last month. Ron met with me on behalf of the American Cancer Society.