

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) issued the following statement today after the House vote on H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:

*“I am extremely disappointed that Speaker Pelosi and the House Democratic leaders failed to follow the leadership of President Obama and work to get a bipartisan consensus in Congress to support the stimulus.*

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*“Many Republicans would have supported something more targeted at creating jobs and not so filled with the lard and backlog of big government programs and wasteful spending.*

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*“While President Obama extended an olive branch, sadly, the House Democratic leadership used a baseball bat to get votes.”*

Bonner voted against the bill; however, the legislation passed the House by a vote of 244-188.

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