WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) and four members of the House of Representatives are going to Iraq this weekend. The congressional delegation, led by U.S. Rep. Thomas Cole (R-OK) will be making stops in Kuwait, Iraq, and Jordan.

The trip marks Bonner's second visit to Iraq. Bonner was in Baghdad the weekend Saddam Hussein was captured in December 2003. Bonner will be visiting with Alabama troops and will be briefed on the current status of American troops in Iraq.

"When given the opportunity to go to Iraq to see how this mission has progressed, I jumped at the chance," Bonner said today. "Many thousands of young men and women from all over Alabama have played an integral role in this effort. As Alabama's National Guard troops are now returning for their second tour and the president is preparing to increase the troop levels in Baghdad, it is a critical time for members of Congress to see firsthand how the mission is progressing."

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