

MOBILE - Congressman Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced the following changes to the staff in his Washington, D.C. office:

Legislative Director Nancy Tippins has retired after nearly 30 years on Capitol Hill.

Prior to her position with Bonner, she served as Legislative Director for former Congressman H. L. "Sonny" Callahan, R-Alabama, and as a Legislative Assistant for former Congressman Jack Edwards, R-Alabama.

Tippins has accepted a position as an associate with Callahan's firm, Sonny Callahan and Associates, in Mobile, Alabama.

Kelle Strickland has been promoted to the position of Legislative Director and Counsel. Strickland, a native of Mobile, Alabama, is a 1992 graduate of Spring Hill College and earned her J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law in 1996.

Strickland's promotion comes after two years as a legislative assistant in Bonner's office, and her new responsibilities will include appropriations, budget, and tax issues.

Watson Donald has been promoted to Senior Legislative Assistant. Donald, a native of Mobile, Alabama, and a 2001 graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, came to the Bonner office in 2004 after serving nearly three years on the legislative staff of Senator Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama.

Donald will be responsible for issues including agriculture, defense, and Social Security.

Finally, Jon Hand will be joining Bonner's Washington staff as Legislative Assistant. Hand, a native of Gulf Shores, Alabama, and a 1999 graduate of Huntingdon College, has served for the past two years as a field representative in the Baldwin County (Alabama) district office. Hand will be responsible for issues including energy, transportation, and veterans' affairs.