

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama today announced that the final version of the FY 2004 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill includes \$250,000 in federal funding for the University of South Alabama Cancer Research Institute in Mobile, Alabama. Following House and Senate approval of the conference report, the final version of the bill will go to the president for his signature.

"I am extremely pleased this amount has been included in the final version of the Energy and Water funding bill," Bonner said. "The USA Cancer Institute has the potential of becoming one of the premier cancer research and treatment facilities in the country and this funding will be of tremendous benefit as the staff and physicians work to accomplish their goals of providing the best in research and care for deserving patients. Members of the Energy and Water Appropriations conference, particularly Chairman Dave Hobson, should be commended for their work on this measure, and I am very grateful for their consideration of south Alabama and the USA Cancer Research Institute."