

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama today announced that the final version of the FY 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations bill includes \$5.25 million in federal funding for the 14 Mile CSX Railroad Bridge, Mobile River. 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 Homeland Security funding bill," Bonner said. "This money will be of tremendous importance as officials in south Alabama work to further improve the safety and efficiency of rail and waterborne commerce in the Mobile area. Members of the Homeland Security Appropriations conference should be commended for their work on homeland security funding, and I am grateful for their consideration of south Alabama in this measure."