MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama today announced that the preliminary version of the FY 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations bill includes $3.5 million in federal funding for the 14 Mile CSX Railroad Bridge, Mobile River. The Subcommittee on Homeland Security, chaired by Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Kentucky will now forward the bill to the House Committee on Appropriations for further consideration.

"I am extremely pleased this amount has been included in the current version of the Homeland Security funding bill," Bonner said. "Should this money be included in the final spending measure passed by Congress later this year, it will be a significant step to furthering the safety and efficiency of Mobile Harbor and the navigation channel. Chairman Rogers and the members of his subcommittee should be commended for their work on homeland security funding to this point, and I am grateful for their consideration of south Alabama in this measure."