

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced that the FY 2005 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill includes federal funding for several projects in south Alabama. The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, chaired by Rep. David L. Hobson, R-Ohio, included this funding in the bill which was approved by the House Appropriations Committee and passed on Friday by the full House of Representatives.

The FY 2005 bill includes \$20 million for Mobile Harbor, \$19 million for the Black Warrior-Tombigbee Waterway, \$4.5 million for the Coosa-Alabama System, \$5 million for the Intracoastal waterway, and \$145,000 for Brewton's flood control study.

"I am extremely pleased funding for these projects has been included in the current version of the Energy and Water appropriations 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 providing much needed help for our communities and vital waterways in the First District.

Chairman Hobson and the members of his subcommittee, along with the membership of the full Appropriations Committee, should be commended for their work on this bill, and I am grateful for their consideration of south Alabama in this measure."