

MOBILE - U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, today announced he will be hosting two senior citizen seminars on Monday, June 7, 2004. The major focus of these public meetings will be the recently enacted Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, but representatives of the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, and financial planning community will also be present. The Baldwin and Mobile County health departments will also have staff members on hand to distribute information on health issues important to the senior population.

“During my recent series of town hall meetings throughout the First District, many of the men and women in attendance posed questions that reflect ongoing confusion about the changes to the Medicare plan,” Bonner said. “My hope is the two seminars I have scheduled will do much to provide more useful information and answers to the questions that still exist.

“To that end, I am grateful that my friend and colleague from Georgia, Congressman Phil Gingrey, will be on hand to share his expertise from his background as a physician. Additionally, a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services will be in attendance to provide more specific information on the changes to the Medicare program and how they will impact the seniors in my district.”

The complete schedule, including locations and times, is as follows:

Monday, June 7th – Event One

James P. Nix Senior Center

One Bayou Drive, Fairhope

8:30-9:00 – Event registration

9:00-9:05 – Welcoming remarks

9:05-9:10 – Remarks by Rep. Phil Gingrey (GA)

9:10-10:30 – Medicare session and Q&A (HHS, Rep. Bonner, and Rep. Gingrey)

10:30-11:00 – Financial planning session
11:00-11:15 – Break
11:15-11:45 – Social Security breakout session
11:15-11:45 – VA benefits breakout session
11:45-12:00 – Event wrap-up

Monday, June 7th – Event Two
Mary Abbe Berg Senior Center
1717 Dauphin Street, Mobile

1:30-2:00 - Event registration
2:00-2:05 - Welcoming remarks
2:05-2:10 - Remarks by Rep. Phil Gingrey (GA)
2:10-3:30 - Medicare session and Q&A (HHS, Rep. Bonner, and Rep. Gingrey)
3:30-4:00 - Financial planning session
4:00-4:15 - Break

4:15-4:45 - Social Security breakout session
4:15-4:45 - VA benefits breakout session
4:45-5:00 - Event wrap-up

Bonner is encouraging those interested in attending one of these events to contact his Mobile district office at 800-288-8721. At that time, they can provide information on which conference they wish to attend, how many will be attending, and in which of the two breakout sessions they wish to participate.