

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The members of Alabama's Republican congressional delegation today made the following statements about the rising unemployment rates in Alabama and the nation after speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives with the unified message, "Where Are The Jobs?" Alabama's June unemployment rate of 10.1%, the highest since 1984, is higher than the national average of 9.5%. At this time last year, Alabama's jobless rate was only 4.6 %.

Congressman Jo Bonner said, "Instead of creating new jobs, almost 2.5 million jobs have been lost just since the stimulus bill passed. Nationally, the unemployment rate is 9.5 percent today and inching closer and closer to double digits. In 5 of the 6 counties I represent in south Alabama, that unemployment rate is already at double-digit unemployment. There is a serious lack of credibility in our nation's capital. Don't take my word for it, just listen to the American people; they want to know...Where are the jobs?"

Congressman Spencer Bachus, who had just come from a hearing with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said, "We asked him, where are the jobs? He couldn't answer that. He said unemployment would remain high through 2011. He said he's not sure the stimulus created any jobs. He did answer one important question and he was very certain. He said if we continue to spend like we're spending today, we are on a rendezvous with financial disaster."

Congressman Mike Rogers said, "The President and Speaker Pelosi came to this House earlier this year and said if you'll borrow and spend \$1.1 trillion, which is the largest spending bill in American history, it will save existing jobs and create another three million jobs. Where are those jobs?"

Congressman Robert Aderholt said, "Alabama is suffering with a 10.1% unemployment rate and at a time when families are struggling to make ends meet, the rising jobless trend is further evidence that we cannot borrow and spend and bail our way back to a growing economy. Alabama deserves a better strategy for prosperity, not more spending, more taxes and more unemployment."

NOTE: All of the floor speeches from Alabama's Republican Congressmen can be found [HERE](#) for
Rep. Aderholt,

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for Rep. Bachus,

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for Rep. Rogers and

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for Rep. Bonner.