

WASHINGTON - House Republican leaders have chosen Congressman Spencer Bachus (R-AL) to serve on a powerful committee charged with making high level appointments to all House committees.

The GOP Steering Committee's most important function is to select the ranking members of each standing committee, which gives the Steering Committee members great influence in the House. It is comprised of the top leadership officeholders, ranking members of the most powerful committees and representatives elected from ten geographic regions.

"Let me thank the Republican leadership for entrusting me with this assignment," stated Congressman Bachus. "The GOP Steering Committee plays a key role in determining the makeup and leadership of each House committee. This is a responsibility that I will take very seriously."

At the beginning of the 109th Congress, Congressman Bachus was elected to the Steering Committee as the representative of the region that includes Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Georgia. At the beginning of the 110th Congress, Congressman Bachus voluntarily relinquished his seat because of his selection as ranking member of the House Financial Services Committee.

The appointment represents the current and growing importance and influence of the Financial Services Committee and its status as one of the five most powerful committees in Congress.