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Hensarling Statement on Steering Committee Appointment

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the [Republican Study Committee](#), issued the following statement after the Republican Steering Committee announced that Congressman Jo Bonner (R-AL) had been selected to fill an open slot on the House Appropriations Committee:

“Jo Bonner has been a close friend of mine since I’ve been in Congress. I’ve sat with him on both the Budget and Financial Services Committees, and I hope that as a member of the Appropriation Committee he will work to bring much needed reform to the earmarking system.

“I believe that our conference missed an enormous opportunity by failing to appoint Jeff Flake to the Appropriations Committee. Jeff Flake’s appointment certainly would have accentuated the seriousness of our commitment to true earmark reform and I am disappointed that he was not selected.”

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