

# LEADERS SAY -- ROOSEVELT NEEDS BONNER

## Speaker Sam Rayburn And Majority Leader McCormack Praise Record Of Bonner

The value of keeping an experienced man in Congress, the influence and prestige of the Representative of the First District are matters of great importance to all of us now. The proof of this statement comes from the highest sources in Washington, the two men who are the greatest and most powerful leaders in the House of Representatives.

In response to inquiries from Elder A. B. Ayers, of Bear Grass, Martin County, and Sheriff D. V. Meekins of Manteo, Speaker Sam Rayburn and Majority Leader John W. McCormack of the House of Representatives give their estimate of the able First District member and state his value to his District and his loyal support of the war effort.

### READ WHAT THEY SAY



RETURN TO CONGRESS THE MAN  
WHO HAS AND WILL BEST SERVE YOU.

LET'S GIVE BONNER A ROUSING  
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AND UPHOLD  
THE GREAT STANDING THE FIRST DIS-  
TRICT HAS AT THE CAPITOL.

BONNER WILL VOTE TO PROTECT,  
SAFEGUARD, SUPPLY AND MAINTAIN  
THE SONS OF THE MOTHERS AND FATH-  
ERS OF THIS DISTRICT IN EVERY  
ARMED CAMP IN THE WORLD WHER-  
EVER THEY MAY BE.

JOHN W. McCORMACK  
12th Dist. Massachusetts  
Secretary  
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Office of the Majority Leader  
House of Representatives U. S.  
Washington, D. C.  
April 29, 1942.

Sheriff D. V. Meekins  
Manteo, North Carolina

My dear Sheriff Meekins:

I am in receipt of your inquiry, which I was very glad to receive, about my colleague and personal friend, Congressman Herbert Bonner. I am pleased to answer the same.

I have known Congressman Bonner since I have been a Member of Congress, during which period he served as secretary to his predecessor in office, my very close friend, Honorable Lindsay Warren, whom I consider to be one of the most outstanding men I have ever met. His loyalty and devotion to Lindsay Warren made him one of the most outstanding secretaries in Washington, equipped him in an admirable manner to succeed Lindsay Warren, when General Warren retired from Congress.

His service in the Congress of the United States has been able and constructive. He has been one of the most loyal supporters in the National House of Representatives of our beloved and courageous President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. I can assure you of this fact because as Majority Leader it was my duty to see that the important legislation relating to the security of our nation, which the President recommended from time to time, and particularly before December 7th, was enacted into law. Speaker Rayburn and I never had any doubt about the position of Congressman Bonner. We could always rely on him. He never failed us on any occasion.

In addition to considering Congressman Bonner as one of my closest, personal friends, whose friendship I greatly value, I consider him to be one of the most reliable, one of the soundest and one of the most dependable Members of the National House of Representatives. I might also say, and this means a great deal to Congress, that he is one of the best liked Members of the House. I cannot impress upon you too strongly how much this means to a Member in obtaining benefits for his District and his people, to which he feels they are entitled, because it means the assistance of Members from other parts of the country in his efforts.

During these trying days, when the preservation of our nation is at stake, the country needs in the National House of Representatives, men of vision, men of courage, men of loyalty and men of devotion, like Congressman Bonner. Our beloved President needs in Congress men like Congressman Bonner, who have loyally supported him, without which support President Roosevelt would not have been able to have prepared our country to the extent that he had when the vicious attack was made upon us at Pearl Harbor.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) JOHN W. McCORMACK,  
Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS  
House of Representatives U. S.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 23, 1942

Elder A. B. Ayers,  
R. F. D.  
Williamston, North Carolina.

Dear Brother Ayers:

I have your letter asking me in my opinion if Congressman Herbert Bonner has measured up since he has been a Member of the House of Representatives.

As you know, Herbert Bonner was the secretary and right-hand man of Lindsay Warren for several years here, in which position he learned the ins and outs of all the Government Departments and Congressional duties. Since Mr. Bonner became a member of the House, he has so proved his ability, patriotism and knowledge that he is one of the outstanding new Members of the House and is personally popular with the membership.

Any member of Congress who is industrious and intelligent becomes more effective and more useful not only to his country but to his immediate constituents the longer he is a Member.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) SAM RAYBURN

## The Nation, State and District Need Herbert Bonner

They need his valuable experience, his loyal devotion, his fine ability, his influence and the friends he has made. It would take another man 10 years to attain the rank he now has in Congress. An over-seas Veteran of the First World War, he knows what WAR is. He went in as a Private and came out as a Sergeant.

The whole sorry and vicious campaign that has been made against him has been one of attack by Candidate Blount. The people of the FIRST DISTRICT love a fair fight and a fair deal. They despise short cuts and underhand methods and they will show their feelings at the polls on May 30th.

VAST SUMS OF MONEY WILL BE SPENT TO DEFEAT CONGRESSMAN BONNER UP UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, BUT THE PEOPLE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT CAN NEITHER BE THREATENED NOR INTIMIDATED. THE SECRET BALLOT IS THEIR SAFEGUARD AND THEY WILL GO TO THE BALLOT BOX AND VOTE FOR BONNER—THE MAN THEY WANT.

## The Office Of Congressman From The First District Can Never Be Bought IT IS NOT FOR SALE

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