

nor in the country. You have taken more interest in this type of legislation. I feel that you have made a wonderful contribution.

Thank you.

Governor SANFORD. I certainly appreciate those kind words, Congressman Scott. I might say that we are certainly very proud of our Congressman and the many contributions that he has made. I will have to say I don't deserve any credit for being here early. It is just that we had a tailwind coming up this morning.

Mr. PERKINS. Congressman Bonner.

**STATEMENT OF HON. HERBERT C. BONNER, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Chairman, I certainly appreciate the opportunity to sit here and hear the distinguished Governor from my State. I am ashamed of myself. I must congratulate your committee on your early-to-work attitude that you have here. I took it for granted that your committee would meet at 10 o'clock.

I want to apologize to my Governor. I am not an early bird. I am a late bird. I stay around here late in the afternoon, but I don't get down here so early in the morning, because that is the only time I have to be with my wife is in the morning.

Mr. Chairman, we have been proud of the government in the State of North Carolina. We have been fortunate for now more than 60 years to have outstanding government in our State, to have chief executives who have shown an interest in the people, an interest in the forward progress of the State. They have been all splendid, fine, able men. The present chief executive exemplifies it to the highest degree. He has brought progress to our State. He has shown a tremendous interest in the rank and file of the people. He has brought new thought, and he is a progressive, able leader.

The bill that you have before you and some other things that I have seen here in Congress were some of his brain children. I didn't hear all of his testimony, but I knew he began to wrestle with this subject some years ago, some time ago. I shall read his full statement with a great deal of interest and pride. I am honored and pleased, always, to be in his company. I am very proud of him. I have done everything I could to assist him as well as other Governors in my State in their administration. I wish it were so that we could keep him longer than the one more year or possibly one more year that he has. I am delighted to have this opportunity to be in your committee room, Mr. Chairman.

Governor SANFORD. Thank you, Ralph Scott and Herbert Bonner. You have made my trip worth while.

Mr. PERKINS. Governor Sanford, again I wish to join with your distinguished representatives from North Carolina in commending you for the terrific progress and leadership that you have given your great State. Briefly, since we have two Appalachian Governors who will appear here, one other besides yourself, just how this legislation will help in the eastern Kentucky mountain region? I know this is not a cureall, and in no way duplicates or obviates the necessity for the Appalachian program now being developed by the President.

Governor SANFORD. I think the Appalachian program gets at an area that needs more intense attention than the rest of the Nation, and