BACHUS PRAISES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF BIPARTISAN BANKRUPTCY REFORM BILL

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WASHINGTON – The House Judiciary Committee today passed a bipartisan financial institutions bankruptcy reform bill introduced by Congressman Spencer Bachus, Judiciary Chairman Robert Goodlatte, and Ranking Member John Conyers.

The legislation draws on lessons learned from the financial crisis of 2008, when the existing bankruptcy process was not adequately equipped to deal with the special challenges posed by distressed and failing financial institutions. As Ranking Member on the House Financial Services Committee at the time, Congressman Bachus played an integral role in deliberations over the federal government's emergency response to the crisis.

The bill approved unanimously today, the Financial Institutions Bankruptcy Act of 2014, establishes a special process to facilitate an orderly resolution of failing financial firms through the bankruptcy code.

Chairman Goodlatte (VA-6), Ranking Member Conyers (MI-14), and Congressman Bachus issued the following joint statement on the Committee vote.

"We strongly support the Committee's passage of the bipartisan Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act today. This bill was carefully calibrated to strengthen our nation's bankruptcy laws and to ensure that the bankruptcy process is well equipped to resolve companies of all operations and sizes. This legislation enhances the Bankruptcy Code and its ability to resolve financial institutions in an efficient and value-maximizing manner for the benefit of the U.S. and global economies, employees, creditors, and customers."

Congressman Bachus serves as the Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, which held numerous hearings with experts in bankruptcy law during the development of the legislation.

For video excerpt of remarks by Congressman Bachus during today's bill markup, click here.