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STATEMENT BY MR BOYKIN

The first district of Alabama is comprised of seven counties. I was born, reared and have spent my life within it's boundaries; it's people are my people, it's problems are my problems. It is welded to my heart as no other place on earth - to me, it's home.

The government of the United States is probably the largest business in the world at this time. Senators and representatives in the national congress are to that business as directors are to a large corporation.

I fully realize the responsibility of the high office which I am seeking. Our country is beset with economic and social problems requiring solution. I feel that my long experience in industry and agriculture especially qualifies me for the task at hand. My main objective will be to render service to my district and one of the first and highest duties will be to put men to work. I have a fixed purpose to secure for our district and state its just share of public works funds. Agriculture is and must always be the backbone of our nation. I strongly advocate government aid to agriculture. I favor adequate extension and experimental work.

Labor should receive its rightful share of the returns from industry. I believe that human rights should have priority over property rights. I shall strongly advocate such government aid as may be necessary to create and maintain a merchant marine. In no other way can we hope to meet the competition of similar support to its ships by England, France, Italy, Japan and other nations. Our cotton and other products must be carried from our ports, under an American flag, and if necessary, I am not afraid to extend the direct aid of a subsidy.

I am in favor of paying the so-called veterans' bonus. We have acknowledged that this is an honest debt due them and it should be paid now. Provisions should be made for the support of the aged and needy from federal funds. I strongly advocate federal aid to our long suffering school teachers, who have generously given their services during the past few troublous years. Their salaries should be higher and they should be paid regularly. I have always taken an active part in furthering the construction of good roads, and favor permanent federal aid highways through every county in this district. I stand with George Washington, in opposing the entry of our country into any foreign entanglements and I stand now and forever for adequate preparedness to protect ourselves.

There are many other vital issues facing this nation today, but limited space prevents discussion of them in this statement. In public addresses during the campaign I will make my position clear on every important matter. With the earnest belief that my business experience of thirty years fits me to serve my district effectively, I solicit the support of the voters in the May 14 primary.