

Hale Boggs Jr. Announces For Md. Democratic Primary

Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., 29-year-old son of House Democratic Whip Hale Boggs (D-La.), filed yesterday as a candidate for Congress from Maryland's 8th district.

Boggs later held a news conference in Bethesda and said the next Congress should vote to cut off funds for "the war in Southeast Asia."

Boggs, who has already received the endorsement of the Montgomery County Democratic organization, will face several other candidates in the Sept. 15 primary. The primary winner will run against Republican incumbent G. Herbert Gude in the November election.

At his news conference, Boggs said he differed with his father on several issues, including Vietnam.

"My position is that we ought to get out as soon as we can," he said. And contrary to his father's position on the issue, he suggested the need

for reform of the congressional seniority system.

The senior Boggs was named recently in a federal grand jury presentment that alleged that a Baltimore contractor, Victor Frenkl, had remodelled the congressman's home at a reduced price. Rep. Boggs himself said he had simply given the job to the lowest of five bidders.

"Anybody that reads the full story sees that he had no improper involvement at all," Thomas Boggs said yesterday. "I can't see it having any impact on my campaign."

The 8th congressional district includes Montgomery County and portions of Howard and Anne Arundel counties.

Four other Democrats have filed for the congressional seat. They are the Rev. Thomas V. Allen, an Episcopal minister; Joel Rosenblatt of Silver Spring, an engineer; Shelton H. Skolnick of Bethesda, and Arthur D. Cook



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Jr. of Gaithersburg, who said yesterday he plans to withdraw from the race.

State Del. Leonard S. Blondes said yesterday he has not yet decided whether to run.