

United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND
URBAN AFFAIRS
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Mr. Thomas R. Donahue
Secretary-Treasurer
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Dear Mr. Donahue:

Thank you for agreeing to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on April 8, 1987 at our hearing on the general subject of the need for reform of the procedures, practices and financing of hostile takeovers as well as on the effects of these activities on employment, the economy, productivity and international competitiveness.

I am most interested in hearing your views on the effects of hostile takeovers on employees, communities, creditors, customers, suppliers, and other corporate constituents. Recent events have also heightened my concern about the soundness of the financing of some of these transactions as well as the relationships of bankers, raiders and arbitrageurs involved in these deals.

You should feel free to deal with these topics, as well as other related ones, as you see fit in your testimony. If you would like to make them, specific recommendations as to how we should legislatively approach these issues would be welcome and appreciated.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 1987 in the Senate Banking Committee, Room SD-538 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Under the rules of the Senate Banking Committee, you are required to submit copies of your testimony 24 hours in advance. This is in order to give Members of the Committee and staff the opportunity to review your testimony beforehand. A copy of the Committee's Guidelines for Witnesses is enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this hearing please contact Steven B. Harris at 224-5786 or Patrick A. Mulloy at 224-1571.

Sincerely,

William Proxmire
Chairman