Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

On May 18th I introduced a resolution to amend the rules of the Senate to prevent the commercial sponsorship of televised and broadcast Senate proceedings. There are many reasons why I feel that it would be a great mistake to permit this practice to become an accepted part of our Senate tradition. My resolution would not forbid telecasts nor broadcasts, nor would it forbid the presentation of excerpts from the hearings in sponsored news broadcasts, but I feel that a program which would "sell" the activities of Senate committees to unrestricted sponsorship might lead to serious difficulties.

I would welcome your co-sponsorship of this resolution and if you are interested I would be happy to supply you with a copy of the statement I made when the resolution was introduced.

Sincerely,

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