

WASHINGTON (March 17) – At the request of Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6), an investigatory hearing will be held on the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers, whose collapse contributed to the financial crisis in the fall of 2008.

As Ranking Member on the Financial Services Committee, Bachus called for a hearing on new revelations detailing potential accounting fraud at the investment bank and lax oversight by federal regulators.

Bachus said the report from Lehman Brothers' court appointed bankruptcy examiner shows a failure of government regulators including the Federal Reserve and the Securities and Exchange Commission to act on evidence of accounting gimmicks used to hide the company's debt and mask its insolvency.

"This report casts additional doubts on the ability of the Federal Reserve to effectively perform the expanded supervisory responsibilities called for in House and Senate regulatory reform bills," Bachus said.

Chairman Barney Frank announced today that he has consented to Bachus' request.

Click [here](#) to view the letter to Chairman Frank.

Click [here](#) to read Congressman Bachus' opening statement at today's House Financial Services Committee hearing

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