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**Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, Jr.  
Addresses Women in Housing and Finance**

WASHINGTON -- Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, Jr. discussed federal preemption and the dual banking system in a speech today to a professional organization, Women in Housing and Finance. The full text of the speech is [attached](#) and is also available on the OCC's web site, at [www.occ.treas.gov](http://www.occ.treas.gov).

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