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Mr. Brian Lamb
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Dear Brian,

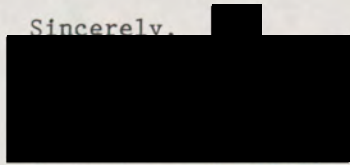
A program on C-SPAN over this past weekend was called "Congress, the Press, and the Public." Congressman Robert Walker took part in this discussion which, as usual, I found very interesting.

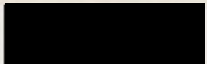
At one point there were comments about the C-SPAN coverage of the House and Senate as being "boring" to the majority of viewers, especially during quorum calls in the Senate and Special Orders in the House. I rarely find the coverage boring actually, but it certainly is true that there are activities which are much more interesting than others. I may be one of a minority number of viewers that is interested enough in how the Congress works to have sent for most of your publications. In fact, during a visit to Washington in May in which I spent a number of hours in the galleries, it was extremely helpful to know something about what was transpiring -- when there appeared to be nothing happening.

But this all made me think about what the people on the program were saying, and I have a suggestion. Would it be feasible for C-SPAN to find times to inform the viewers of the workings of these houses in the way you do in your publications? Maybe some comments could be used during the quorum calls, although I realize you never know how long or short these may be. Maybe when Congress is not in session, short programs on the procedures of the two houses might be useful, including short video pieces demonstrating those procedures from past sessions. At least some details from your "Gavel to Gavel" could prove beneficial. Or maybe an entire program on the working procedures of Congress might be prepared which could be rerun at various times in some ongoing schedule.

You do such a great job of presenting programs on issues. I bless C-SPAN every day for this privilege, and I thank you again, Brian. So far my Cable TV system has not threatened a reduction in C-SPAN coverage, but I will be letting them know that they should not even consider any change in C-SPAN and C-SPAN2 coverage, both of which we gratefully get 24 hours a day.

Sincerely,


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