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Comptroller Hawke Addresses ABA Convention

NEW YORK -- Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke, Jr. addressed the annual convention of the American Bankers Association today. His <u>speech</u> is available on the OCC's web site at <u>www.occ.treas.gov</u>.

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