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Andrew Brown of Olympia Snowe's office (speaking) takes testimony of Tom Dunn, Albion, president of Lay Advocates at Work.

A bus carrying 24 Maine protestors to the appointment of **Richard S. Cohen** as U.S. Attorney went to Washington and presented a bound dossier of information on April 14 to representatives of the Maine Congressional delegation who met at the U.S. capitol.

The dossier listed various complaints brought against the former Maine attorney general by Lay Advocates at Work, headed by Thomas Dunn of Albion.

Dunn said the appearance of a large group in Washington was intended to "manifest the gravity" of the possible appointment in view of Cohen's alleged "dereliction" in responding to citizen grievances such as L.A.W. has filed.

Dunn cited reports which allegedly show "evidence of malpractice by attorneys trusted and paid to represent clients; realtors swindling clients; at least one bank cooperating in the swindling of clients; and improper use of funds by the Department of Transportation to build illegal bridges to aid large land developers."

He listed alleged victims men, women, children, families — who cannot understand" the fact that our legal/criminal justice system did notstop these criminal acts and
appears to be allowing and
even cooperating in the continuation and enhancement of
these improprieties."

Sen. William Cohen's pressecretary, Al Brewer, indicated that a representative from each office in the delegation attended the meeting, including Kim Corthell who is in charge of legal questions at the senator's office.

Brewer told TMP that Sen. Cohen will convey Dunn's file to the Judiciary Committee when it meets, but no date has been set.

"The FBI hasn't begun its security checks on Richard Cohen or Conrad Cyr," he reported. Cyr has been nominated to a federal judgeship in Maine. "They seem to be dragging their feet a little bit, due to a backlog of investigatory work on nominations."

Brewer indicated time will tell whether the FBI will take Dunn's file seriously. Brewer also indicated a number of people in Dunn's bus group had things they wanted to pass on privately to the delegation.