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Rahn on Niskanen

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[Richard Rahn penned a lovely tribute to Bill Niskanen, who died last week.](#)

I didn't know Niskanen very well, but I recall with gratitude a kindness that he extended to GMU Econ about three or four years ago.

Traditionally, we open our annual Public Choice Outreach seminar with a talk by Jim Buchanan. Three or four years ago Jim became ill and had to cancel his talk. Scrambling around for a prominent, intellectually meaty speaker for the event, I asked Bill Niskanen. He graciously agreed to give the opening-night address for that seminar and, although it was last-minute, did a truly superb job. It was a wonderful talk.

[Here, from David Henderson, is another reminiscence of Niskanen.](#)