

**Statement of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Each year on the anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, we remember the thousands of innocent Americans who lost their lives on that horrible day. We also recognize the first responders, law enforcement, intelligence and military personnel who work every day to keep us safe. The President's speech last night reminds us that we must always be vigilant in defense of our nation. We must never lose sight of the core principles of individual rights, justice, and due process that generations of Americans have fought so hard to protect.

Today, we have three bipartisan bills on the agenda. We also have 10 judicial nominees and one executive nominee, each who have the support of their home state senators. Given the short work period, I hope we can move forward on these bipartisan matters without delay.

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