



**Statement by  
Thomas H. Kean, Chair, and Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chair  
of the 9-11 Commission**

**February 27, 2004** — The Commission welcomes Speaker Hastert's agreement today to support legislation that removes the report deadline in current law and allows the Commission to issue its report on July 26, 2004, giving the additional 60 days we had requested. The Speaker understandably wishes to obtain our recommendations for action at the earliest possible date. By meeting this new deadline of July 26, 2004, we will address that concern.

We now only need to insure that this legislation addresses the time needed to provide testimony to Congress, wind up the Commission's operations and archive its files, and authorize the additional money for this extension. The Speaker has also agreed to meet with us on Tuesday, March 2, in order to work out these remaining issues.

These issues are resolved well in S. 2136, the bill passed earlier today by the Senate with the support of the White House. The Commission wishes to thank its supporters on Capitol Hill, especially Senator McCain and Senator Lieberman, for their efforts to insure prompt action on the Commission's request for more time. Those efforts have contributed to the progress we note today.

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