

problem of terrorism. Rather, it seeks to implement a number of specific improvements to our counterterrorism policy unanimously suggested by the Commission on Terrorism, a bipartisan group of experts.

The bill also lays the groundwork for a number of further improvements. We will be revisiting many of the issues covered by the bill in the next Congress once we receive more detailed information and recommendations from the Executive Branch. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and with the next Administration to implement S. 3205.

I believe that we need to take strong action to combat terrorism. There is no question that terrorist attacks will continue and that they will become more deadly. Terrorists today often act out of a visceral hatred of the U.S. or the West and seek to wreak maximum destruction and kill as many people as possible.

At the same time, I believe that our counterterrorism policy must be conducted in a way that remains consistent with our democratic values and our commitment to an open, free society.

In many ways, the Kyl-Feinstein Counterterrorism Act of 2000 is a counterpart bill to the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act that recently passed the Senate 95 to 0. That legislation, which I cosponsored, will make it easier for American victims of terrorism abroad to collect court-awarded compensation and ensure that the state sponsors of terrorism pay a price for their crimes.

While I strongly support assisting terrorist victims, I also believe that we need to do more to prevent Americans from becoming victims of terrorism in the first place. Thus, I am glad that the Senate has acted to pass S. 3205 with such dispatch. It is crucial to act now before terrorists strike again, killing and injuring more Americans and leaving more families grieving. I urge the House to pass S. 3205 before we adjourn.

In conclusion, I want to thank my good friend Senator KYL for his tireless efforts to get this bill passed. His work, as always, has been invaluable.

I also thank my other colleagues for their assistance in helping us pass this bill. I know Senator LEAHY, for instance, initially had a number of concerns with the legislation. I am grateful for the time he spent working through these issues with us, and I am glad that we can move this bill forward unanimously.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—H.R. 5633**

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House H.R. 5633, the appropriations bill to fund the Dis-

trict of Columbia, if the text is identical to the text I now send to the desk, then the bill be considered passed and the motion to reconsider laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. I now send the text of the bill to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be received.

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2000**

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 12 noon on Tuesday, December 5, under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 442.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. I further ask consent that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, December 5, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and following the leaders' time, there be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Members permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. The Senate will be considering a continuing resolution on Tuesday, December 5, and may be considering other legislative items. Therefore, votes could occur during Tuesday's session of the Senate. All Senators will be notified via the hotline system as to those votes when it becomes clear as to their time.

Again, I wish all Senators a safe and happy Thanksgiving. I do that on behalf of the bipartisan leadership in the Senate. I look forward to working with all Senators when they return on Tuesday, the 5th.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. WARNER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 442, following the remarks of Senator DASCHLE, should he seek the floor, for such period not to exceed 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WARNER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SENATE BUSINESS AND
ELECTIONS**

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, although the Senate will not resume work in earnest today on the issues remaining before the 106th Congress, we certainly hope that when we do return on the 5th of December we will be able to complete action on the appropriations bills, the minimum wage increase, the Balanced Budget Refinement Act, and deal with the immigration issue, as well as a fair and balanced tax relief package.

In the 3 weeks until then, I certainly hope that both parties and the administration will redouble their efforts to reach agreement on these important issues. We do not have to wait until we get back. It is so troubling that we are so close to the end of the calendar year and we do not have as much to show for our efforts over the last 2 years as I would have liked.

The lameduck session will give us an opportunity to make progress on each of those issues. I hope we will seize that opportunity.

I have spoken with the majority leader about this issue, and about our desire to complete our work in a positive way. I think we agree: We need to work closely together in the final days of this Congress. He certainly reiterated his desire to do that.

When we left before the election, everyone assumed we would return to a relative certainty. We assumed we would have a President-elect. We assumed we would know the balance of power in the next Congress. Of course, to everyone's surprise, we still do not know either of these things.

The situation in which we now find ourselves is virtually unprecedented. It certainly is unusual. But with the elections this close, a period of uncertainty is certainly unavoidable.

While none of us has ever seen such a close Presidential election, some of us have seen this on a smaller scale. I am one of those people.

In 1978, in my first race for election to the House of Representatives, I was behind by 28 votes at the end of election night and was declared the loser. The next day, amid much confusion, I was actually declared the winner by 14 votes. Talk about a roller coaster ride. And that was just the first day.

Over the next few months, after more recounts, and the discovery of computational errors, and more confusion, the election went all the way to the South Dakota Supreme Court.

In August of 1979, the court heard oral arguments and examined every ballot.

Finally, on November 27, 1979—more than a year after the election—the South Dakota Supreme Court issued