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branch departments and agencies accountable for the coordination of Federal efforts among the designated executive departments and agencies to ensure the participation of Hispanic Americans in Federal education programs and promote high-quality education for Hispanic Americans;

(iii) the identification of successful methods employed throughout the Nation in increasing parental, State and local, private sector, and community involvement in improving education for Hispanic Americans;

(iv) ways to improve on and measure the effectiveness of Federal agencies' education programs in ensuring that Hispanic Americans close the educational achievement gap and attain the goals established by the President's "No Child Left Behind" educational blueprint; and

(v) how Federal Government education programs can best be applied to ensure Hispanic parents successfully prepare their children to attend post secondary institutions.

Sec. 8. The Commission shall terminate 30 days after submitting its final report, unless extended by the President.

Sec. 9. Executive Order 12900 of February 22, 1994, as amended, is revoked.

George W. Bush

The White House,
October 12, 2001.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on October 17.

Statement on Senate Action on Legislation To Combat Terrorism and Terrorist Attacks

October 12, 2001

I commend the Senate for acting quickly and in a bipartisan way to give law enforcement these essential, additional tools to combat terrorism and safeguard America against future terrorist attacks. This important legislation respects our Constitution while allowing us to treat terrorist acts the same as serious drug crimes and organized crime, and strengthens our ability to share information to disrupt, weaken, and eliminate global terrorist networks. We need these tools now. I am hopeful that I will be able to sign this legislation into law soon.

Statement on House of Representatives Action on Legislation To Combat Terrorism and Terrorist Attacks

October 12, 2001

I commend the House for passing antiterrorism legislation just one day after the Senate took action. The House and Senate bills are virtually identical. I urge the Congress to quickly get the bill to my desk. We must strengthen the hand of law enforcement to help safeguard America and prevent future attacks—and we must do it now.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

October 6

In the evening, the President had telephone conversations from Camp David, MD, with congressional leaders.

October 7

In the morning, the President traveled to Emmitsburg, MD, and then to Washington, DC.

October 8

In the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Helen Clark of New Zealand, President Kim Dae-jung of South Korea, and President Jiang Zemin of China. Also in the morning, the President met with his National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy for a working visit on October 15.