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**REID STATEMENT ON ATTORNEY GENERAL MUKASEY'S REMARKS ON 9/11
DETAINEES**

Washington, DC—*Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid made the following statement today in response to Attorney General Michael Mukasey's comments:*

“As a result of its repeated efforts to circumvent the requirements of the Geneva Conventions and the Constitution, the Bush administration has yet to bring to justice the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks of September 11. If legislation is needed, it is important that Congress proceed in a deliberate and thoughtful way to write rules that will not be thrown out by the courts yet again. Congress must hold public hearings, consult with national security and legal experts, and take the time to get this right. It is hard to imagine that Congress can give this complex issue the attention it deserves in the closing weeks of this legislative session.

“The courts are well equipped to handle this situation, and there is no danger that any detainee will be released in the meantime.”

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