

must release them. So let him march; let him make prayer pilgrimages to the city hall; let him go on freedom rides—and try to understand why he must do so. If his repressed emotions are not released in non-violent ways, they will seek expression through violence; this is not a threat but a fact of history. So I have not said to my people: "Get rid of your discontent." Rather, I have tried to say that this normal and healthy discontent can be channeled into the creative outlet of nonviolent direct action. And now this approach is being termed extremist . . .

But though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Was not Amos an extremist for justice: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel: "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Was not Martin Luther an extremist: "Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God." And John Bunyan: "I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience." And Abraham Lincoln: "This nation cannot survive half slave and half free." And Thomas Jefferson: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . ." So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be.

We be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremist for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime—the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists . . .

But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. Every day I meet young people whose disappointment with the church has turned into outright disgust . . .

I wish you had commended the Negro sit-inners and demonstrators of Birmingham for their sublime courage, their willingness to suffer and their amazing discipline in the midst of great provocation. One day the South will recognize its real heroes. They will be the James Merediths, with the noble sense of purpose that enables them to face Jeering, and hostile mobs, and with the agonizing loneliness that characterizes the life of the pioneer. They will be old, oppressed, battered Negro women, symbolized in a seventy-two-year-old woman in Montgomery, Alabama, who rose up with a sense of dignity and with her people decided not to ride segregated buses, and who responded with ungrammatical profundity to one who inquired about her weariness: "My fleets is tired, but my soul is at rest." They be the young high school and college students, the young ministers of the gospel and a host of their elders, courageously and nonviolently sitting in at lunch counters and willingly going to jail for conscience' sake. One day the South will know that when these disinherited children of God sat down at lunch

counters, they were in reality standing up for what is best in the American dream and for the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage, thereby bringing our nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the founding fathers in their formulation of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence . . .

I hope this letter finds you strong in the faith. I also hope that circumstances will soon make it possible for me to meet each of you, not as an integrationist or a civil rights leader but as a fellow clergyman and a Christian brother. Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty . . .

Yours for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood,

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

IN MEMORIAL OF HAROLD T. ELLEN

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, January 22, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Harold T. Ellen of Angier, North Carolina, who passed on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at the age of 75. In his passing, North Carolina lost one of its most outstanding citizens and a man who was instrumental in his community, county, and State.

One of the area's most beloved men, my friend Harold Ellen, was a native of Harnett County and the son of the late Irvin and Gladys Smith Ellen. Harold grew up on his family farm and learned the value of hard work at a very early age. He graduated from Angier High School and served in the U.S. Navy aboard a Destroyer Escort, the USS *Hanna* during the Korean War. After service, Harold received a combined basketball-baseball scholarship to Campbell Junior College where he met his lovely wife Patsy Ann Walters Ellen. Harold and Patsy transferred to Elon College to complete their degrees. After graduating from Elon College, Harold played Semi-professional baseball for Fuquay-Varina, Angier, and Pea Ridge. In 1957, Harold became the head basketball and track coach at Fuquay-Varina High school.

Coach Ellen went to Pembroke State University as interim head baseball coach in 1967 and in 1969 he was named head coach, a position he held until his retirement from coaching in 1986. His 331 wins were the most in the school history and 19 years as head coach makes him the longest tenured baseball coach at the University. He achieved many milestones and received many accolades while coaching at Pembroke.

Madam Speaker, Harold used every minute of his long and productive life to make the world a better place. He was a respected and successful coach, a dedicated public servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fitting that we honor him and his family today.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JANUARY 24

9 a.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. Con. Res. 2, expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq, and subcommittee assignments and jurisdiction for the 110th Congress.

SH-216

9:45 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine an analysis completed by the Energy Information Administration entitled "Energy Market and Economic Impacts of a Proposal to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Intensity with a Cap and Trade System".

SD-366

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the potential impact of airline mergers and industry consolidation relating to the state of the airline industry.

SR-253

Finance
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the

110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments.

SD-342

JANUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and on the Administration's recently announced strategy for continued United States assistance to the Iraqi government and for an increased United States military presence in Iraq.

SD-106

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the billing, marketing, and disclosure practices of the credit card industry, and their impact on consumers.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine oil and gas resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and areas available for leasing in the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-366

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook.

SD-608

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, subcommittee assignments, the nominations of Lisa Godbey Wood, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Philip S. Gutierrez, and Valerie L. Baker, each to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting

Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, S. Res. 21, recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York, S. Res. 24, designating January as "National Stalking Awareness Month", and S. Res. 29, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Federal government's efforts to develop a foreign language strategy, focusing on the government's efforts to increase foreign language education to meet the Federal workforce, national security, and economic competitiveness needs.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine intelligence reform.

SH-216

JANUARY 30

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildlife suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.

SD-366

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine exercising Congress' constitutional power to end a war.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the remaining options, alternative plans and the Iraq Study Group relating to securing America's interests in Iraq.

SH-216

JANUARY 31

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Iraq Study Group, focusing on recommenda-

tions for improvements to Iraq's police and criminal justice system.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine economic and security concerns relating to promoting travel to America.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine abusive practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting.

SR-222

FEBRUARY 1

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the communications marketplace relating to the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 8

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366