

go on fishing expeditions and obtain private and confidential records on the basis that there is "reasonable grounds to believe" that these records are "relevant" to an investigation. Furthermore, the government will still be able to delay notifying individuals that their private property has been searched. While there is an initial leeway of 30-days, the government can seek an indefinite amount of 90-day extensions. Where will the encroachments end?

Through the passage of this legislation, we have done our country a great disservice. At this juncture, we could have sought true and meaningful reform that not only protected this great nation from terrorists but also from the improper intrusions that are inherent in this bill.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again voice my opposition to the passage of S. 2271.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS JAY
HARRIS

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Thomas Jay Harris, the former editor of the leading newspaper in Lubbock, Texas who passed away on Sunday, February

26. During the course of his 87 years, Jay could call many people his friend and could point to many achievements. He was a war veteran, a community leader, and a proud newspaperman.

Jay began his 53-year journalism career in 1938 working for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal while still an undergraduate student at Texas Tech University. He then spent 3 years serving his country in the Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he returned to the newspaper. He would remain at the A-J for the rest of his professional career, the last 22 years of which were spent as the newspaper's editor.

As editor, Jay deftly balanced the need to report on issues of importance to the local community while still pursuing stories of national and international significance. It was this thirst for foreign affairs that led him to support the International Cultural Center at Texas Tech. This center introduced students and aspiring journalists to the cultures of foreign countries.

I had the privilege of knowing Jay. Almost every time I spoke with him, he had an idea on how to make Lubbock or Texas Tech better. Jay was persistent and always stuck with an issue until he got results.

Jay lived his life with passion. I will miss Jay and his enthusiasm for his work, for his community, and for his country.

TRIBUTE TO ETHIOPIAN WOMEN
FOR PEACE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud the efforts of Ethiopian Women for Peace, Democracy, and Humanitarian Aid in calling attention to the current political situation in Ethiopia, particularly to the status of women. Today, they will hold a candlelight vigil at the White House to show solidarity with all Ethiopian women who continue to fight for their basic human rights, and who seek freedom and peace for all Ethiopians in the broadest sense. I am truly inspired by their commitment, and hope that I can be helpful to their cause as Chair of the Congressional Ethiopia and Ethiopian American Caucus. I am proud to see Ethiopian American women take part in commemorating International Women's Day and Women's History Month to demand recognition of how far women have come, and how much more there is left to fight for. It is my hope that all Americans, and the international community as a whole, will join us.

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 Thursday, March 9, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 10

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the roles and missions of the Department of Defense regarding homeland defense and support to civil authorities in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SR-222

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine defective products relating to criminal penalties ensuring corporate accountability.

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for February 2006.

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MARCH 13

3 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold a closed briefing on an update from the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization.

SR-222

MARCH 14

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a status report on United Nations reform.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Federal contractors with unpaid tax debt, focusing on the extent to which contractors are tax delinquent and what can be done about it.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Boyd Kevin Rutherford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, Gale A. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, Marc L. Kesselman, of Tennessee, to be General Counsel, and Linda Avery Strachan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Agriculture.

SR-328A

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, and Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

SD-538

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine wireless issues spectrum reform.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine consolidation in the oil and gas industry.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial and executive nominations.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 109-04), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc. 109-05), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 109-07), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Washington on September 30, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 109-08).

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F-136 Alternate Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Wall Street perspective on telecom.

SD-106

Appropriations

Energy and Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine an overview of the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Office of Science, the Energy Supply and Conservation account, and the Fossil Energy Research and Development account within the Department of Energy.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-325

MARCH 15

9 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace.

SD-430

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children.

SR-485

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, and the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

11:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

2:30 p.m. Judiciary Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition. SD-226	the long term viability of the Aviation Trust Fund. SD-562	the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session. SR-222
Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation. SD-562	2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture. SD-562	Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country. SR-485
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance. SD-342	MARCH 29 9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-485	10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Sergeant at Arms and U.S. Capitol Police Board. SD-138
MARCH 16 9:30 a.m. Armed Services To hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219. SH-216	10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the importance of basic research to United States' competitiveness. SD-562	3 p.m. Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222
Environment and Public Works To hold hearings to examine the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes. SD-628	2:30 p.m. Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine missile defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222	APRIL 26 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education. Room to be announced
10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine impacts on aviation regarding volcanic hazards. SD-562	MARCH 30 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee To hold an oversight hearing to examine National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System. SD-562	10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine the homeless programs administered by the VA. SR-418	Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America. SD-106	MAY 3 10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance. SD-138
3 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-562	2 p.m. Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine reserve component personnel policies in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SD-106	MAY 17 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology. Room to be announced
3:30 p.m. Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Global Strike Plans and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222	2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine competition and convergence. SD-562	MAY 24 10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
MARCH 28 9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine the settlement of Cobell v. Norton. SR-485	APRIL 4 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Aviation Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration funding options. SD-562	JUNE 14 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced
10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Aviation Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration budget and	APRIL 5 9:30 a.m. Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and	