

It would be OK if that case were only pertinent to the people of that State, but you find this forum shopping with national implications. Something of national implication should not be decided in one Podunk county in one State but should be decided by our Federal courts.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CARPER. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. GRASSLEY. Yes. I yielded the floor, but if you want me to hold the floor—

Mr. CARPER. I would appreciate it. If the Senator will yield, I would like to make a comment.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Yes.

Mr. CARPER. I want to thank the chairman, as the prime sponsor of this bill, for his willingness to entertain changes and ideas from our side of the aisle, from Democrats who had what we thought were ideas to improve this legislation. I think as the bill has gone through its introduction, its markup and debate in the Judiciary Committee, been reported out of the Judiciary Committee—the bill was sort of re-reported out of the Judiciary Committee with some further changes, there was the adoption of the changes and incorporation of the changes that were negotiated with a number of us, including Senators SCHUMER, DODD, LANDRIEU, KOHL, and myself—I think one of the reasons why we are here tonight with a bill we can go forward with, that is going to get pretty good bipartisan support, has been your willingness to not only listen to some other ideas but to incorporate them into this bill.

As I listened to the Senator go through the bill and talk about it, particularly to talk about the changes that have been made in it, I was struck how far we have come in the course of the last year or two. I want, while you are still here, to express my thanks for the way you approached this subject and the openminded way you have enabled us to move forward.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, if I could say this before I yield the floor, and I am going to yield the floor right away, first of all, I appreciate the statement by the Senator from Delaware. He may have missed it, but sometime in my remarks tonight I made some commentary about his efforts to help work a compromise and bring up issues that were very important to get settled in order to move to finality.

Also, Mr. President, I want to tell you as well as other Members of this body, this bill is where it is because of the urgency Senator CARPER has put on this legislation, to get it passed, because he knows of the need. He also understands the need of bipartisanship.

I hope I have given him proper credit in this way. So many times as we Senators do, we go to breakfasts or lunches to speak to groups that are interested in legislation, and they are always asking us about this bill or that bill. More often than not, particularly when I am talking to small business

groups, I am often asked about when are we going to get class action reform. I say, under certain circumstances we will get it. Sometimes people compliment me because I was the prime sponsor of this legislation. But I say at every one of these meetings, they need to thank Senator CARPER whenever they see him, because no person in the Senate is trying to move this bill along and do it in a bipartisan way, no one more than Senator CARPER.

I can say to Senator CARPER, I thank him very much for what he has done and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TALENT). Who seeks recognition?

Mr. CARPER. I do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware is recognized.

Mr. CARPER. I thank Senator GRASSLEY for what he said. I understand Senator GRASSLEY may need to do some wrap-up here. I am not sure. If he does, I will be happy to yield.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Yes. I guess I didn't understand that was part of my responsibility. I will do that right away.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for our leader, I ask there now be a period of morning business with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each.

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

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to 34 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since May 6. I have been doing this all throughout the war. All of them were from California or they were based in California.

LCpl Jeremiah E. Savage, age 21, died May 12 of wounds received due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Brud Cronkrite died May 14 from injuries sustained in Karbala. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany. Sergeant Cronkrite was from Spring Valley, CA.

PFC Michael A. Mora, age 19, died May 14 in An Najaf when his military vehicle slid off the road and turned over. He was assigned to the Army's 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Polk, LA. Private First Class Mora was from Arroyo Grande, CA.

PFC Brian K. Cutter, age 19, was found unconscious on May 13 and was later pronounced dead in Al Asad, Iraq. Cause of death is under investigation. He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. Private First Class Cutter was from Riverside, CA.

PFC Brandon Sturdy, age 19, died May 13 from hostile fire in Al Anbar

Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Bob W. Roberts died May 17 due to hostile fire in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Marcos Nolasco died May 18 in Baji, Iraq, as a result of an electrocution accident. He was assigned to Battery B, 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Bamberg, Germany. He was from Chino, CA.

PFC Michael M. Carey, age 20, died May 18 in Iraq. He apparently fell into a canal and did not resurface. His remains were recovered on May 18. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Rudy Salas, age 20, died May 20 from fatal injuries sustained when his vehicle was involved in an accident while conducting a resupply convoy in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. Corporal Salas was from Baldwin Park, CA.

Sgt Jorge A. MolinaBautista, age 37, was killed May 23 in an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Rialto, CA.

PFC Daniel P. Unger, age 19, died May 25 in Forward Operating Base Kalsu during a rocket attack. He was assigned to the Navy National Guard's 1st Battalion, 185th Armor, 81st Separate Armor Brigade, Visalia, CA. He was from Exeter, CA.

LCpl Kyle W. Codner, age 19, died May 26 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Matthew C. Henderson, age 25, died May 26 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Benjamin R. Gonzalez, age 23, was killed May 29 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

Pfc Cody S. Calavan, age 19, died May 29 due to hostile action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Rafael Reynosasuarez, age 28, was killed May 29 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Santa Ana, CA.

Cpl Dominique J. Nicolas, age 25, died May 26 from hostile fire in Al