

to defeat their own Federal employees. They spent \$7 million in 6 years. Boy, how about that? These are the little people, the landscapers. Thank God they had the AFGE behind them.

Then, after spending \$7 million and changing the rules—and with the last set of specs, they had 1,500 amendments; imagine if we had 1,500 amendments—what we now find is they are going to have to spend another \$5 million to implement the savings. So they are going to spend \$12 million when the original goal was to save \$7 million. Come on. If we are fighting terrorism and saving money, let's leave Walter Reed alone. It is going to be closed in a couple years because of BRAC. Let the landscapers do their job. Let the doctors and nurses do their job. Let's do our job and pass the Mikulski-Sarbanes amendment.

Mr. STEVENS. The delay in this matter really came about—there is no question there is a serious delay—as it was reviewed and upheld on two occasions. These are third-party entities that did the review, including the GAO. We should not upset a process that has taken so long and is finalized now.

I yield back the remainder of my time and move to table the Senator's amendment. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) would vote "nay".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 234 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Alexander	DeWine	Martinez
Allard	Dole	McCain
Allen	Domenici	McConnell
Bennett	Ensign	Murkowski
Bond	Enzi	Roberts
Brownback	Frist	Santorum
Bunning	Graham	Sessions
Burns	Grassley	Shelby
Burr	Gregg	Smith
Chambliss	Hagel	Stevens
Coburn	Hatch	Sununu
Cochran	Hutchison	Thomas
Coleman	Inhofe	Thune
Cornyn	Isakson	Vitter
Craig	Kyl	Voinovich
Crapo	Lott	Warner
DeMint	Lugar	

NAYS—48

Akaka	Cantwell	Dodd
Baucus	Carper	Dorgan
Bayh	Chafee	Durbin
Biden	Clinton	Feingold
Bingaman	Collins	Feinstein
Boxer	Conrad	Harkin
Byrd	Dayton	Inouye

Jeffords	Lincoln	Rockefeller
Johnson	Mikulski	Salazar
Kennedy	Murray	Sarbanes
Kerry	Nelson (FL)	Schumer
Kohl	Nelson (NE)	Snowe
Landrieu	Obama	Specter
Lautenberg	Pryor	Stabenow
Leahy	Reed	Talent
Levin	Reid	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Lieberman Menendez

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 4883, AS MODIFIED

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have an amendment that we wish to adopt. As I understand it, the Allen-Durbin amendment No. 4883 has been cleared as modified. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4883), as modified, was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

ARMY CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER SITTON

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish to speak for a moment to honor the memory of a fallen Coloradan: Army Cpl Christopher Franklin Sitton of Montrose.

Corporal Sitton was a medic with the 10th Mountain Division, serving in Afghanistan since March. He had just turned 21 and graduated from Montrose High School just 3 years ago. Now, instead of having his whole life ahead of him, he has been taken from his friends, family and country by a roadside bomb in Kunar, in eastern Afghanistan.

Chris Sitton was looking forward to a medical career. His interest in medicine reached back to his childhood, where as a young man in Quinlan, TX he would accompany his father, a volunteer with a rescue group, on emergency calls.

Corporal Sitton's time in the Army was marked by excellence, not unlike his time in high school. Specialist Sitton entered the Army nearly 3 years ago, in January 2004. In his service, Specialist Sitton received three commander's coins, recognizing his exemplary performance in the Army. One was personally handed to him by a four-star general.

This achievement is remarkable to many but not to those who knew Christopher Sitton. Chris was a natural leader. A standout track star, he is pic-

tured mentoring a younger teammate in a photo that hangs in his high school track coach's office. Young people naturally gravitated to him, and Chris returned their enthusiasm with a smile one friend described as big as Texas itself.

As a young man, Chris Sitton was an accomplished Eagle Scout. He was an avid athlete, a musician and outdoorsman, enjoying his time hiking, skiing and camping. But perhaps most notable, Chris Sitton left a mark on those around him as someone who was always helping others, putting them before himself.

GEN Douglas MacArthur once reflected, "The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars." Chris' legacy as a son, friend and mentor, his willingness to put others before himself, shows how fundamentally he understood this calling to find a better tomorrow. Corporal Sitton sought to make the world a better place in his every action, to bring us to a better understanding of the ties that bind humanity together.

To Corporal Sitton's parents, Judy and Steve Sitton, I know that no words can ease the grief you feel at the loss of your son. I and this entire Nation share, in some small way, your painful sorrow. Corporal Christopher Sitton and his entire family will reside in my prayers tonight and remain in my thoughts.

MARINE CORPORAL JORDAN C. PIERSON

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Marine Cpl Jordan C. Pierson of Milford, CT.

Corporal Pierson, a member of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion, was killed in action on August 24 while conducting combat operations against anti-Iraqi forces in Al Anbar Province. He was shot while on foot patrol. He had been previously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds to his arms and legs by shrapnel from an insurgent's grenade 3 months prior.

Having delayed his education at the University of Connecticut, Corporal Pierson joined the Marine Corps in December 2003. It seems to be apparent by the many recollections of his friends and family that Jordan had already proven himself a leader. They recount many of the high-spirited exploits that he both engineered and led. However, his wily deeds quickly gave way to an outstanding performance as a marine devoted to his comrades and mission.

He is fondly remembered as a brilliant light and strong leader with strength of character and self assurance, persistently watching out for his fellow marines. He is described best by his first sergeant: "Corporal Pierson had been a bright spot in his platoon, in a place, that can take the softest of hearts into a void of darkness. Even when the gloom of combat reached deep in a man's soul, Corporal Pierson could bring the Marine back to a sense