

read from the report, but this says this is in response to the Energy and Water appropriations bill. They requested the Corps of Engineers to clear this up so once and for all we can get rid of this relic. This was June 3 of 2005. They said, reading from that report:

[I]t is expected that sufficient industry hopper dredge capability exists to perform the requirements. . . .

It further says:

Even if the scheduled work for the McFarland were maximized, the reduction in daily rate would still be almost double the daily rate of a comparable industry hopper dredge. . . .the McFarland is the oldest dredge in the fleet, and operates at a daily rate that substantially exceeds comparable industry medium class hopper dredges. If the McFarland were to be kept in the Minimum Fleet it would have to be rehabilitated and repowered at a cost of approximately \$20 million.

So what you are saying is, you want to spend public funds of \$20 million more to get something to compete with the private sector, that costs twice as much to operate as the private sector. I think this is absurd. I think we have been trying to do this for a number of years.

Now, we have the labor unions joining other interests in saying that we need to get rid of this thing and start saving money in our dredging. I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment by the Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

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

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) is necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 63, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 207 Leg.]

YEAS—63

Akaka	Harkin	Murkowski
Baucus	Hatch	Murray
Bennett	Hutchison	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Inouye	Nelson (NE)
Bingaman	Isakson	Pryor
Boxer	Jeffords	Reed
Byrd	Johnson	Reid
Cantwell	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Carper	Kerry	Salazar
Chafee	Kohl	Santorum
Chambliss	Landrieu	Sarbanes
Clinton	Lautenberg	Schumer
Cochran	Leahy	Sessions
Collins	Levin	Shelby
Dayton	Lieberman	Snowe
DeWine	Lincoln	Specter
Dole	Lott	Stabenow
Domenici	Martinez	Stevens
Feingold	McCain	Vitter
Feinstein	Menendez	Warner
Graham	Mikulski	Wyden

NAYS—36

Alexander	Bayh	Bunning
Allard	Bond	Burns
Allen	Brownback	Burr

Coburn	Ensign	McConnell
Coleman	Enzi	Obama
Conrad	Frist	Roberts
Cornyn	Grassley	Smith
Craig	Gregg	Sununu
Crapo	Hagel	Talent
DeMint	Inhofe	Thomas
Dorgan	Kyl	Thune
Durbin	Lugar	Voinovich

NOT VOTING—1

Dodd

The amendment (No. 4680) was agreed to.

Mr. SPECTER. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. CARPER. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL DUSTIN DERGA

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, this evening I rise to pay tribute to a courageous marine, LCpl Dustin Derga, of Pickerington, OH. Dustin was killed in Iraq while fighting insurgents on May 8, 2005, Mother's Day. After taking an interest in the military as a child, Dustin served 5½ years as a marine, and Operation Iraqi Freedom was to be his final deployment. Sadly, 24-year-old Dustin died just 1 month short of his scheduled homecoming.

He is survived by his mother Stephanie, his father and stepmother, Robert and Marla, sister Kristin, and girlfriend Kristin Earhart.

A 1999 graduate of Pickerington High School, Dustin went on to attend Columbus State Community College, where he pursued a degree in EMS and fire science. He also served his community by working as a firefighter.

Robert Derga shared these words about his son:

Dustin was a great pitcher and could play just about any position. He loved to play catcher, which was unusual. I remember all the weekends we would go out to the ball diamonds and watch him play ball. We really enjoyed that. He loved working with his hands. He just loved doing things and getting his elbows dirty.

Friends describe Dustin as fun-loving and said he was always trying to make others laugh. His father recalled that:

Dustin had a wonderful, fun personality. When you first met him, he seemed quiet and somewhat reserved—at least he let you think that. But once he got to know you, he would reveal that he is a practical joker at heart and the life of the party. He always had a great smile on his face. All the guys in Dustin's unit said he was always making them laugh.

Laura Giller of Pickerington said this about Dustin:

Dustin was my friend, and I always enjoyed seeing his face wherever I went. I worked with him, and whenever he was there, it made the day that much better. He always told the silliest jokes. I will never forget the friendship that Dustin gave me. Thank God for men like him.

Erik Mellquist, another hometown friend of Dustin's, wrote the following on an Internet tribute site:

Dustin was a great guy. I remember laughing constantly during cub scouts and little league baseball whenever Dustin was around. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us.

Friends also emphasized Dustin's loyalty to the Marines. Fellow reservist Jeff Schmitz of Pickerington commented:

I saw Dustin around the Reserve Center on drill weekends. He was a great Marine and an even better human being. He will be greatly missed.

Retired marine Mike Hamilton added:

Dustin was a friend and fellow firefighter here in Baltimore, OH. I used to kid him about being too small to be a marine. He would set me straight, and then we would discuss the differences between the new Marine Corps he was in and the old one I was in. We both loved the Corps.

Dustin's loyalty to his military service was also apparent to his family and to those with whom he served. Robert said that his son "had a passion for the Corps and was proud to be a Marine. Dustin really respected his brothers in the unit and he tried to have a good time with his comrades, even under the worst of conditions."

Dustin's girlfriend Kristin wrote:

Dustin was a great man. I wish everyone would have been given the opportunity to know him. He was my world, my heart, and my soul. His smile would make your heart melt. He was so honored to be a part of the U.S. Marine Corps and defend every last one of us.

A friend named Martin shared the following memories of Dustin, and also his good friend, Nick Erdy, a fellow marine who died 3 days after Dustin. This is what his friend, Martin, said:

Derga and Erdy were some of the first guys I got to know when I joined the unit. They were all about having fun and enjoying life. Even in Iraq, they seemed to make the worst situations turn into great ones. Their character is what made our platoon what it was. We were full of jokes, laughter, and memorable experiences. The first platoon will never be the same without them and the others that we lost. They were great guys, and they will be remembered in our hearts forever. They will never be forgotten.

Upon returning from Iraq, Dustin planned to finish college and use his savings to buy a new truck. In one of his last notes home he wrote:

I miss everyone a lot and can't wait to get home and go on maybe three vacations. I look forward to one vacation in particular.

He and his girlfriend Kristen had been planning on taking a vacation with his friend Nick Erdy and his fiancée Ashley Boots.

Ashley said they just wanted to go somewhere fun to relax. These plans, of course, came to a tragic end when both