

He also earned a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School.

During his military career, Captain Morriss excelled at all facets of his chosen professions of law and Naval service. As a line officer, he served both as Fire Control Officer onboard USS *Bowen*, FF-1079, and as Supporting Arms Coordinator/Assistant Operations Officer for Amphibious Squadron EIGHT. He qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer before being accepted in the law education program.

As a judge advocate, Captain Morriss has served in a variety of challenging assignments. Like many judge advocates that have come before and have followed him, Captain Morriss began his legal career as a defense counsel and legal assistance attorney at the Navy Legal Services Office, Charleston, SC. Later in his career, he was given the honor of leading young judge advocates as the commanding officer, Navy Legal Services Office National Capital Region.

As Force/Fleet Judge Advocate he provided critical legal advice for operations in the Central Command's area of operations. His keen intellect and integrity led to Captain Morriss' services as the Assistant for Legal and Legislative matters for the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. This would not be the last time Captain Morriss was asked by the Department of the Navy for his advice and counsel on legislation.

I am sure that many of my colleagues know and appreciate Captain Morriss' service as Director of Legislation in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs and his prior service as a Legislative Counsel in that same office. During these assignments, he directly contributed to clear and concise communication between Congress and the Departments of the Navy on a broad range of legislative matters. His talents, knowledge, and legal acumen are such that I have asked him to serve on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Navy's loss is certainly the Senate's gain, and we look forward to working with Dave Morriss for many years to come.

The Nation, the United States Navy, and the Judge Advocate General's Corps have been made better through the talent and dedication of CAPT David M. Morriss. I know all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Dave, his wife Mary Elizabeth, and sons John, Will, and Graham, on the completion of an outstanding military career.●

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 570. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes

are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1241. A communication from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification Requirements of Multistage Vehicles" (2127-AE27) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1242. A communication from the Attorney, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Availability of Information for Hazardous Materials Transported by Aircraft" (RIN2137-AD29) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1243. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Positive Train Control" (RIN2130-AA94) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1244. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gippsland Aeronautics Pty Ltd. Model GA8 Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0103) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1245. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Rolls Royce plc RB211 Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0104) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1246. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney JT8D-209, 217, 217A, 217C, and 219 Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0105) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1247. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model EMB 135BJ Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0106) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1248. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD 11 and MD 11F Airplanes Equipped with Pratt and Whitney PW4000 Series Engines" (RIN2120-AA64)

(2005-0107) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1249. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 757 Series Airplanes Equipped with Rolls Royce Model RB211 Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0108) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1250. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD 11 and MD 11F Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0109) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1251. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Model A319, A320, and A321 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0110) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1252. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-200, 300, and 300F Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0111) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1253. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carrying Candidates in Elections" (RIN2120-AI12) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1254. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pacific Aerospace Corp. Ltd. Model 750XL Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0114) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1255. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737-300, 400, and 500 Series Airplanes; and Model 757-200 and 200CB Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0113) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1256. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 Series Airplanes" (RIN2120-AA64) (2005-0112) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1257. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cape Town Treaty Implementation; Opportunity to Comment on Information Collection Requirements" (RIN2120-AI48) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1258. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Redesignation of Mountainous Areas in Alaska" (RIN2120-AI44) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1259. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oriental Fruit Fly: Removal of Quarantined Area" (APHIS Docket No. 04-106-2) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1260. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Gas Valuation" (RIN1010-AD05) received on March 8, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1261. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the International Labour Conference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1262. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the authorization of the wearing of the insignia of major general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1263. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Project Planning and Review), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports of the Chief of Engineers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 134. A bill to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California (Rept. No. 109-23).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 205. A bill to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers (Rept. No. 109-24).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 207. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-25).

By Mr. DODD, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 243. A bill to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-26).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 250. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

\*Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the remainder of the term expiring February 27, 2009.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance. Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. \*Michael Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate. (Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 570. A bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 571. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 572. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to give additional biosecurity responsibilities to the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 573. A bill to improve the response of the Federal Government to agroterrorism and agricultural diseases; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNY):

S. 574. A bill to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to increase the authorization of appropriations and modify the date on which the authority of the Secretary of the Interior terminates under the Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 575. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for certain education expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 576. A bill to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 577. A bill to promote health care coverage for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 578. A bill to better manage the national instant criminal background check system and terrorism matches; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 579. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 580. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 581. A bill to contain the costs of the medicare prescription drug program under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 582. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 583. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 584. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 585. A bill to better provide for compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Rocky Flats site in Colorado; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 586. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments; to the Committee on Finance.