

(B) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “Assistant Secretaries of Commerce (11)” and inserting “Assistant Secretaries of Commerce (12)”.

(3) REFERENCES.—On and after the date of the enactment of this Act, any reference in any law or regulation to the Director of the Office of Space Commerce shall be deemed to be a reference to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Space Commerce.

(e) TRANSITION REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that sets forth transition and continuity of operations plans for the functional and administrative transfer of the Office of Space Commerce from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to a bureau reporting to the Office of the Secretary of Commerce.

(2) GOAL.—The goal of transition and continuity of operations planning shall be to minimize the cost and administrative burden of establishing the Bureau of Space Commerce while maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of the functions and responsibilities of the Bureau of Space Commerce, in accordance with this section and the amendments made by this section.

(3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024, THROUGH FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

Mr. SCHUMER. Finally, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it convene for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times: Monday, December 23, at 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, December 26 at 2:30 p.m.; Monday, December 30 at 12:30 p.m.; Thursday, January 2 at 12 noon; Friday, January 3 at 11:45 a.m.; that following the January 3 pro forma, the Senate stand adjourned sine die and next convene at 12 noon, pursuant to the Constitution; further, I ask that following the prayer and pledge and following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing in of elected Members and the required live quorum, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. For the information of the Senate, on January 3, the swearing in of our new and recently re-elected Senators will be at noon, followed by a live quorum.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024, AT 9:30 A.M.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:23 a.m., adjourned until Monday, December 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GEORGE A. AYACHE AND ENDING WITH MATTHEW T. WESTERBERG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 2023.

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CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 20, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

BENJAMIN J. CHEEKS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

SERENA RAQUEL MURILLO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID MICHAEL CAPOZZI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

RONALD L. BATORY, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE AMTRAK BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

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