

PN26-44 — John Squires — Department of Commerce

119th Congress (2025-2026) | [Get alerts](#)

Description

John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, vice Katherine Vidal, resigned.

Organization

Department of Commerce

Latest Action

09/18/2025 - Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 526.

Date Received from President

03/10/2025

Committee

Senate Judiciary

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Date	Senate Actions
09/18/2025	Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 526 .
09/18/2025	Considered by Senate pursuant S. Res. 377, 119th Congress.
09/17/2025	By unanimous consent agreement, debate pursuant to S. Res. 377, 119th Congress on 9/18/2025.
09/17/2025	Considered by Senate pursuant S. Res. 377, 119th Congress.
09/17/2025	Upon reconsideration, cloture invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 47. Record Vote Number: 525 .
09/17/2025	Motion by Senator Thune to appeal the ruling of the chair agreed to, the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate" determined by Yea-Nay Vote. 47 - 52. Record Vote Number: 524 .
09/17/2025	Ruling of the Chair that the precedents set on November 21, 2013 and September 11, 2025 do not apply to the consideration of en bloc nominations; the point of order raised by Senator Thune was not sustained.
09/17/2025	Point of order made by Senator Thune that consistent with the precedents of the Senate established on November 21, 2013, and September 11, 2025, the threshold for cloture on the en bloc consideration of nominations pursuant to an Executive resolution with a calendar number on the Executive Calendar, other than those on Level 1 of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5312, or Article 3 judges, is a simple majority raised in Senate.
09/17/2025	Motion by Senator Thune to reconsider the vote (Record Vote No. 522), by which cloture was not invoked on the nominations en bloc agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 523 .
09/17/2025	Cloture not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 48. Record Vote Number: 522 .
09/17/2025	By unanimous consent agreement, mandatory quorum required under Rule XXII waived.
09/15/2025	Cloture motion presented in Senate.
09/15/2025	Motion to proceed to executive session to consideration of nomination pursuant to S. Res. 377, 119th Congress agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.
06/12/2025	Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 185.

Date	Senate Actions
06/12/2025	Reported by Senator Grassley, Committee on the Judiciary, without printed report.
06/12/2025	Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported favorably.
05/21/2025	Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.
03/10/2025	Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.