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Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) introduced a bill this December that will transfer the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the Department of Commerce to the Department of the Interior. The bill aims to cut spending and reduce duplication by consolidating the Department of Labor and the Department of Commerce into a new agency called the Department of Commerce and the Workforce. The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Dan Coats (R-IN) and James Inhofe (R-OK). The bill has been referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Sources: GovTrack, Senator Burr's website