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# H. R. 6935

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. FEENEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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## A BILL

To provide technical corrections to the Technology Administration Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Space Commerce Act  
5 of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF SPACE COM-**

7 **MERCE.**

8 Section 8 of the Technology Administration Act of  
9 1998 (15 U.S.C. 1511e) is amended—

1           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**COM-**  
2           **MERCIALIZATION**” and inserting “**COMMERCE**”;  
3           and

4           (2) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
5           lows:

6           “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT**.—There is established within  
7           the Department of Commerce an Office of Space Com-  
8           merce (referred to in this section as the ‘Office’).”.

9           **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF SPACE COMMERCE.**

10          Section 8(c) of the Technology Administration Act of  
11          1998 (15 U.S.C. 1511e(c)) is amended to read as follows:

12          “(c) **FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE**.—The Office shall be  
13          the principal unit for space commerce policy activities  
14          within the Department of Commerce. The Office shall—

15                 “(1) foster the conditions for the economic  
16                 growth and technological advancement of the United  
17                 States space commerce industry;

18                 “(2) coordinate space commerce policy issues  
19                 and actions within the Department of Commerce;

20                 “(3) represent the Department of Commerce in  
21                 the development of United States policies and in ne-  
22                 gotiations with foreign countries to promote United  
23                 States space commerce;

24                 “(4) promote the advancement of United States  
25                 geospatial technologies related to space commerce, in

1 cooperation with relevant interagency working  
2 groups; and

3 “(5) provide support to the Federal Govern-  
4 ment organizations established pursuant to the  
5 United States Space-Based Positioning, Navigation,  
6 and Timing Policy issued by the President on De-  
7 cember 8, 2004 (and any successor organizations).”.

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