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Senate Majority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#) said today the chamber would vote to move forward on William Wehrum's nomination to lead EPA's air office.

He didn't specify a time but said the cloture vote would occur after the confirmation of Peter Robb to be general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. That would likely put a final vote for Wehrum on Thursday.

McConnell lauded Wehrum as "qualified" and someone "who will help undo some of the damage" he said the Obama EPA did through regulations.

"This is an office in desperate need of new leadership from someone who understands how to implement air policies in a balanced way rather than with extreme regulatory overreach," McConnell said. "Mr. Wehrum is the right person for the job."

Democrats and environmental groups have strongly opposed the nomination.

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