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The President today announced his intention to nominate Rogers C.B. Morton, of Easton, Maryland, to be Secretary of Commerce. He will succeed Frederick B. Dent who resigned effective March 26, 1975.

Secretary Morton has been Secretary of the Interior since January 29, 1971. As Secretary of the Interior, Secretary Morton has served as Chairman of the Energy Resources Council since October 11, 1974.

Prior to assuming his Cabinet position, Secretary Morton was Chairman of the Republican National Committee, serving from April 1969. He was elected to the 88th Congress from Maryland's First District in 1962 and was subsequently elected to the 89th Congress through 92nd Congresses.

While serving in the Congress, Secretary Morton was a member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (1963-68), the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1963-68), the Select Committee on Small Business (1967-68) and from 1969 until he became Secretary of the Interior, he was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Prior to his election to Congress, Secretary Morton was with Ballard and Ballard Company from 1939 to 1951, serving as President from 1947 to 1951, and was Vice President (1951-53) and a Director (1953-71) of the Pillsbury Company after the two firms merged.

Secretary Morton was born September 19, 1914, in Louisville, Kentucky, and received a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1937. He served with the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, attaining the rank of Captain.

Secretary Morton is married to the former Anne Jones, and they have two children.

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