

Duma Skips Churov

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None of the four parliamentary parties have nominated incumbent Central Elections Commission chief Vladimir Churov as their candidate for the new lineup of the electoral watchdog, RIA-Novosti said Wednesday.

Churov became a member of the 15-member commission on the Liberal Democratic Party's ticket in 2007 and was elected the agency's head the same year, but now the party has opted for longtime apparatus member Oleg Lavrov instead of the Kremlin-linked Churov.

The State Duma, the Federation Council and the president each put forth five candidates for the commission. The upper house has also skipped Churov, but the president had not named a nominee as of Wednesday.

The current Central Elections Commission's term in office expires in March.

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