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South Korea is not going to have a creationist heading a new ministry. Park Seong-jin, nominated to head the newly created ministry of small and medium venture business in South Korea, withdrew himself from consideration for the post, [according](#) [4] to KBS World Radio (September 15, 2017), after the National Assembly adopted a hearing report finding him unfit for the post.

As NCSE previously reported, Park was a controversial nominee primarily because of his affiliation with the Korea Association for Creation Research, a young-earth creationist organization that promotes creation science; Park reportedly resigned as its director the day before he was nominated for the post.

[According](#) [5] to a report from UPI (September 11, 2017), during a recent hearing before the National Assembly, Park told legislators, "As an adherent of creationism, [I believe] the Earth's age is 6,000 years, as put forward by the church." Song Ki-hun, a Democratic member of the National Assembly, commented that Park's views "worried" people in the "bio-sciences sector."

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