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(Neb.)-Flood Appears Ready To Announce Bid For Governor



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NORFOLK, Nebraska (AP) - Outgoing Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood appears ready to announce his candidacy for Nebraska governor.

The Omaha World-Herald reports Flood is planning to make a "special announcement" Monday evening at a convention center in his hometown of Norfolk.

Since June, Flood has toured the state and talked with Nebraskans as he considered a possible run for governor. During the tour, Flood has been saying the state needs to invest in infrastructure, schools and the state's farmers.

Flood is a respected Republican lawmaker who helped broker compromises on difficult issues while leading the Legislature. But term limits are forcing him to leave office.

Besides Flood, Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy has expressed interest in running for Gov. Dave Heineman's job in 2014. Heineman cannot run again because of term limits.