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(Neb.)- Heineman Doesn't Want Next Lt. Gov. In 2014 Race



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Gov. Dave Heineman says it's extremely unlikely that he'll appoint a new lieutenant governor who wants to fill his job in 2015.

Heineman told reporters Monday that he doesn't want to give an advantage to any possible candidate in the Republican primary race. He also says he will appoint a replacement before the legislative session ends, which eliminates any current state senators.

Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy resigned Saturday after state records showed he had made thousands of calls to four women on his state-issued cell phone. One woman has confirmed that she and Sheehy engaged in a romantic relationship while the lieutenant governor was married.

Heineman says Sheehy resigned after he became aware of "new and more information." But Heineman acknowledged Monday that he had confronted Sheehy about past rumors.