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La. without a lieutenant governor, for a few days

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The lieutenant governor's post will be vacant at least until Wednesday.

That's when Gov. Bobby Jindal's pick for the interim job — Scott Angelle — is scheduled to go before House and Senate committees for confirmation hearings. A full House and Senate vote is expected later Wednesday or Thursday.

Mitch Landrieu stepped down as lieutenant governor Monday and was sworn in as mayor of New Orleans.

The state constitution requires the governor to nominate a fill-in until an election can be held this fall. That nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the House and Senate.

Meanwhile, country music singer Sammy Kershaw of Lafayette announced Monday that he plans to make another run for lieutenant governor.

Kershaw joins other Republicans: Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, state Republican Party Chairman Roger Villere and St. Tammany Parish President Kevin Davis in the race.

Jindal announced last week that Angelle — his chief legislative liaison and secretary of the Department of Natural Resources — would be his pick.

The Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House and Governmental Affairs committees have scheduled Wednesday morning meetings with Angelle.

Also on the House panel's agenda for the meeting is legislation that would abolish the lieutenant governor's office. Jindal has said he favored the move.

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