

Trump Nominates Brownback for Ambassadorship

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is looking to take an ambassadorship in President Donald Trump's administration.

The White House announced Wednesday that Trump will nominate the Republican governor to serve as ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom. If confirmed by the Senate, he'll run the State Department's office of International Religious Freedom.

Brownback has scheduled a news conference Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for his expected departure from the governor's office. In a tweet Wednesday,

Brownback said he was honored "to serve such an important cause."

The chairman of Kansas' Republican Party says Brownback will be remembered as a governor who advanced conservative goals. But the state Senate Democratic leader says Brownback's legacy will be the budget problems caused by income tax cuts the governor championed.

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