

Rep. Sloan Speaks at EnergyBiz Leadership Forum

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) spoke on state legislators as energy supply "game changers" to utility company leaders, renewable energy innovators, transmission company executives, federal agency representatives, and other stakeholders. Rep. Sloan spoke on how state legislators are frequently innovative leaders, while the federal government struggles to address electricity supply, reliability, and affordability issues.

"I used Kansas and some of my work as examples of how state legislators lead the national energy debates," said Sloan. The Kansas Electric Transmission Authority and eight visits to Kansas by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Federal Communications Commission Chairmen and Commissioners changed the way that regional high voltage transmission line construction decisions are made in the region and nationally."

Rep. Sloan's comments included references to the Council of State Governments' inter-state transmission siting compact working group and the National Conference of State Legislatures' energy supply task force as examples of how an individual legislator's ideas can be promoted through collective action by state legislators.

"National trade and general circulation media representatives were very interested in state experiences and opportunities to guide national energy policy developments because little attention is paid in Washington, D.C. to state experiences, lessons learned, and successes," Sloan said.

Rep. Sloan is serving his 9th term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee and a member of the Energy & Utilities Committee and the Joint Committee on Energy & Environment. He also serves on the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee, GridWise Architecture Council, National Wind Coordinating Collaborative's Steering Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures' Energy Supply Task Force, and is Vice Chairman of the Council of State Governments' Energy & Environment Task Force.

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