

Media Release:

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Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) was appointed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Julius Genachowski to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), formerly known as the Local and State Government Advisory Committee, was created in 1997 to provide guidance to the Commission on issues of importance to state, local and tribal governments, as well as to the Commission. The IAC is composed of 15 elected and appointed officials of municipal, county, state, and tribal governments. The IAC provides ongoing advice and information to the Commission on a broad range of telecommunications issues of interest to state, local and tribal governments, including cable and local franchising, public rights-of-way, facilities siting, universal service, broadband access, barriers to competitive entry, and public safety communications, for which the Commission explicitly or inherently shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state or tribal governments.

“This appointment will help me promote making high speed Internet service available to every Kansan so that the benefits of telemedicine, e-government, distance education, and access to the world can be enjoyed by all,” said Sloan. “It is significant that a state legislator from a largely rural state has an opportunity to influence federal telecommunications policies.”

No federal or state government funds will reimburse Rep. Sloan for his travel to IAC meetings in Washington, D.C.

*Rep. Sloan is serving his ninth term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee, and a member of the Joint Committee on Energy and Environment Policies. He also serves on the House Energy & Utilities, Local Government, and Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Committees. He organized two Kansas Rural Broadband Summits at which two FCC Commissioners participated.*

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