

Rep. Sloan Participates in FCC Intergovernment Advisory Committee Meeting

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) participated in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Intergovernment Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting at which FCC staff briefed members on open dockets and issues before the Commission. FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski spoke to the IAC members about his expectations for the Committee to serve as an invaluable counsel on how the FCC and state, local, and tribal governments can better cooperate to expand the deployment of broadband services to all Americans.

A principal focus of the IAC during its two-year term will be the implementation of expanded broadband adoption and deployment, pursuant to the FCC's National Broadband Plan. The IAC will also focus on such issues as improved public safety communications, universal service reform, and public rights-of-way.

"Based on information received in the first IAC meeting, I filed comments in a FCC Docket to better protect Kansas consumers from telecommunications cramming," said Sloan. Cramming is the unauthorized charging for services not received and is usually done by third-parties. "My service on this FCC Committee will enable me to better protect Douglas County and all Kansas consumers from fraud, Sloan said."

Rep. Sloan is also a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Electricity Advisory Committee and the GridWise Architecture Council. "My work on Smart Grid to improve the delivery of electricity to homes and businesses will benefit from my work with the FCC on telecommunications system improvements," said Sloan. Smart Grid is the 'marriage' of the movement of electricity over wires and managing the information on system performance.

Sloan is serving his ninth term in the Kansas House of Representatives and is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Energy and Environment Policies, and the Energy & Utilities, Local Government, and Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Committees.

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