

## **Rep. Sloan Files for Re-Election to Kansas House of Representatives**

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) filed for re-election at the Douglas County Courthouse to the Kansas House of Representatives from the 45<sup>th</sup> District. Rep. Sloan is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee, the House of Representatives' long-range planning committee; and a member of the Energy & Utilities and Government Efficiency and Technology Committees.

"I look forward to continuing my work and progress on the three factors that will determine the quality of life in Kansas – quality educational opportunities, sufficient and affordable cleaner energy, and abundant clean water," said Sloan. "A leading education system involves more than simply appropriating more money, it requires the use of cutting edge technologies to provide interactive distance education opportunities statewide, promoting early childhood programs and affordable post-secondary curriculums – at KU, our community colleges, and our technical colleges."

"Unlike the partisanship seen in Washington , D.C. , I believe in and work for bi-partisan cooperation," Sloan said. "When we agree on our objectives, differences in opinion on how to best reach those objectives can be resolved."

Rep. Sloan organized and hosted the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman and a Commissioner at two Broadband Summits to promote the deployment of high-speed Internet capabilities statewide to benefit education, health care delivery, and access to e-government. He organized and hosted six Kansas Electric Transmission Summits involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Chairman and two Commissioners to promote the construction of high voltage transmission lines to move Kansas ' wind energy to markets across the country. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) made two trips to Kansas at Rep. Sloan's invitation to address water planning coordination issues between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Kansas ' water agencies, and Rep. Sloan led a delegation of water agency heads to the Pentagon for a meeting with the new Assistant Secretary. In addition, Rep. Sloan has hosted the heads of the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), National Science Foundation (NSF), and National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"During the 2010 Kansas Legislative Session, I proposed a 10-year energy plan for the State to address production and conservation/efficiency goals; funding to increase state water planning capabilities to address long-term supply and quality issues; and, through the Vision 2020 Committee in partnership with the Board of Regents, to address long-term opportunities and costs of our higher education system," Sloan said.

Rep. Sloan is Vice Chairman of the Council of State Governments' (CSG) Environment Task Force; a leader of the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Environment Committee, Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force, and Energy Supply Task Force; National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (NWCC) Steering Committee; member of the Grid Wise Architecture Council (GWAC); member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee; and a Lawrence Technology Association Board of Directors member.

"My leadership on energy, water, technology, and education issues in Kansas enables me to bring federal and national subject leaders to Kansas to meet with our stakeholders that ultimately results in better state and national policies," Sloan said. "Our Kansas values of common sense and innovation prove attractive to national leaders and result in opportunities for me to represent Kansas ' interests. When federal energy, water, and telecommunications leaders want information about the needs and ideas from Midwestern states, they look to Kansas and Kansans."

Rep. Sloan is seeking his ninth term in the Kansas House of Representatives from the 45<sup>th</sup> District. He is married to Gail Sloan and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. Sloan has been a university faculty member, Associate Director of the Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA), executive with KPL/Western Resources, Assistant to the Secretary of Corrections, Government Affairs Representative for the Getty Refining and Marketing Company, and Chief-of-Staff to the Kansas Senate President.

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