

## **Rep. Sloan Speaks at DOE Workshop**

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Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) was a keynote speaker at the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Risk Assessment Workshop. The Workshop included presentations on the types of risk utilities face (e.g., weather, human error, physical and cyber attacks) and ways to manage those risks.

The Workshop included presentations on energy supplies (e.g., crude oil, natural gas, refined petroleum products) for the summer and coming years. Discussion included domestic production capabilities and potential foreign supply disruptions.

Rep. Sloan discussed the need for federal and state energy organizations and utility/energy suppliers to work more effectively with policy-makers and regulators. "Persons who attack the energy supply infrastructure need to succeed only once," said Sloan. "Defenders of our energy supply system must succeed every time. If public officials understand the risks, adequate financial, personnel, and other resources can be provided to protect our energy-based economy."

Rep. Sloan is serving his 11<sup>th</sup> term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee and a member of the Transportation and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committees. He serves on several U.S. Department of Energy and Federal Communications Commission committees, as well as on committees for the National Conference of State Legislatures and Council of State Governments.

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