

### **Rep. Sloan Participates in Midwest Governors' Association Meeting**

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) participated in the Midwest Governor's Association's "Electrifying the Economy: Utilizing the Grid to Strengthen the Midwest's Competitive Advantage" Conference. Participating with representatives from Google, IKEA, the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO), the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and others, Rep. Sloan offered insights on legislation supporting cyber security, transmission system enhancements, and the economic benefits of transmission enhancements. "Kansas has benefitted from the construction of high voltage electric transmission lines that permit us to develop and market our wind generating potential," Sloan said. "Achieving our energy potential means that we must develop the regional and national partnerships that permit us to sell and deliver our renewable electricity to markets."

Rep. Sloan, the only state legislator present, was recognized for his service as a liaison between state consumer and energy interests, national public policy-makers, and federal energy agency leaders. "I continue to learn and promote cooperation between energy and public stakeholders," said Sloan. "Based on the conversations at the Governor's Conference, I have contacted members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) encouraging them to facilitate inter-region dialogue to promote the movement of low-cost renewable electricity from the heartland to high consumer cost areas in the country. It is my hope that Kansas can provide leadership and lower cost energy to improve the economic competitiveness of the U.S. in global trade."

Rep. Sloan is serving his 10<sup>th</sup> term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee and a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources and Transportation Committees. He also is Co-Chairman of the Council of State Governments' Electric Transmission Siting Compact Task Force; and a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Energy Supply Task Force, the U.S. Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Committee and GridWise Architecture Council, and the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

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