

Rep. Tom Sloan (R, Lawrence) participated in the recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (IAC). Rep. Sloan has served four years on the Committee and has hosted FCC Commissioners and staff in Kansas four times for meetings with Kansans.

The IAC submitted two policy recommendations to the Commission. Rep. Sloan was primary author of one urging the FCC to open a docket on consumer protections and electric utilities' ability to contact customers electronically with service, not marketing, information. Sloan was a contributing author to a report and recommendations on the siting of telecommunications towers. The report emphasized that local governments are best positioned to decide the appropriateness of location and type of towers. Sloan focused on the Commission moving forward with efforts to ensure that all Americans have access to high speed Internet service.

"During a visit to Kansas by the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Chief earlier this year, I facilitated a meeting with faculty at KU's Information Technology & Telecommunications Center (ITTC)," said Sloan. "The FCC and ITTC folks are developing a Workshop on cyber security issues as they impact public safety organizations. This will be the first collaborative session on any subject by the FCC with a university in the Midwest."

"While many politicians bash the federal government, I find that Kansans benefit more by my facilitating meetings with federal officials on telecommunications, energy, water, and other issues that have long-term benefits," Sloan said.

Rep. Sloan is serving his 11th term in the Kansas House of Representatives. He serves on federal advisory committees on telecommunications and energy, and has organized meetings between federal and state representatives 20 times.

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