



SENATE MAJORITY LEADER JIM DENNING RESPONDS TO HOLSCHER ANNOUNCEMENT

Topeka, KS (4/27/18) – Senate Majority Leader Denning (R-Overland Park) responded to the announcement made by Rep. Cindy Holscher (D – Overland Park) of her candidacy for Kansas' 8th District Senate seat.

"Leadership can be challenging and leaders at times have to make decisions that aren't necessarily popular. Over her short time in Topeka, Rep. Holscher has shown that she's only willing to make decisions that are politically popular and favorable at the time. Rep. Holscher hasn't shown a willingness to lead, but rather follow the current trends. There's been too many political trends in Topeka in the recent years and now is a time to elect leaders who will look at what's best for Kansas and not for their political future. I believe I've proven my leadership ability to look past the politics and lead."

List of accomplishments during Senator Denning's time as Majority Leader:

- *Fixed Brownback tax plan during 2017 legislative session with the support and veto override of SB 30.*
- *Lead the republican fix to a missed \$115 million school KPERS payments in 2019, a payment that Rep Holscher had no awareness in paying at the start of the 2019 session.*
- *Fixed school funding in 2019 with Denning/Senate hard-pressed SB 16 to address inflation errors that a Holscher supported bill in 2018 miscalculated and the Kansas Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional. That bill Holscher supported also left Johnson County schools shortchanged.*
- *Fixed KDOT sweeps with Denning introduced policy in the form of both SB 352 in 2018 and SB 1 in 2019. Governor Kelly adopted the Denning introduced policy and inserted it into her FY-20 budget recommendations.*
- *Denning will work on a tax bill that the Governor will support to allow KS residents to once again Itemize their state tax returns. Not being able to itemize has cost those who normally itemize about 11% more in state income taxes.*
- *Denning will bring a present-day plan to expand Medicaid in 2020. Senate has put together a legislative task force with interims over the summer and fall. Holscher has no understanding of the new environment of modified waivers being accepted by CMS/HHS so is supporting an obsolete bill. Holscher wants it so bad, she is willing to get it bad.*

Denning has not been asked by Holscher to have a single discussion on any of the above big policy fixes. Gov Kelly is taking credit for all solutions the Republicans are bringing to solve these long-term problems.

Majority Leader Denning who entered the KS house in 2011 by defeating a sitting Democrat will have served in the Kansas legislature for 10 year upon completion of this term. He has made no decision yet on running for another term in the Kansas Senate, but if he chooses to do so, PLANS TO WIN.