



## **Melvin Neufeld**

### **Speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives**

**Speaker Melvin Neufeld** (R-Ingalls) is serving his 10<sup>th</sup> term representing the 115<sup>th</sup> District. The district includes Gray, Meade, Clark, and parts of Ford Counties located in southwest Kansas.

2007-2008 marks his first term as Speaker of the Kansas House. He currently is Chair of the Legislative Coordinating Council; Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight; Vice-Chair of the House Calendar and Printing Committee; and also serves on the House Interstate Cooperation Committee and the House Legislative Budget Committee.

Prior to becoming Speaker, he chaired the House Appropriations Committee, the House Legislative Budget Committee and the House Select Committee on Healthcare.

Since joining the Kansas Legislature, Speaker Neufeld has been a strong advocate for health care and early childhood development. His dedication to these issues has made him a nationally-recognized expert. He is one of nine state legislators from across the country who serves on the Legislative Working Group, a partnership of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child.

He is a member of the NCSL Foundation Board of Directors and the NCSL Task Force on Immigration and the States. He also is a former member of the NCSL Executive Committee and the NCSL 2007 Legislator Nominating Committee.

Speaker Neufeld continues to serve as vice-president of the Shepherd of the Plains Foundation, a community foundation. He belongs to Ingalls Lions Club, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Livestock Association and Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society and is a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Cimarron. Before his election to the Kansas Legislature, Speaker Neufeld served on the Gray County Extension Council, 1978 – 1983, and as a Kansas State University Extension Advisor.