



# **YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS**

## **Ratings of the 79<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature**

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Young Conservatives of Texas is an independent, non-partisan youth organization dedicated to the preservation of individual liberties and freedoms through limited government.

YCT is an organization that enables college students the opportunity to participate in the political process. YCT believes that there is no better way to educate and train young citizens as to the working of our government than to have them directly participate in the process.

Since 1975, YCT has prepared its ratings of legislators as a public service to the citizens of Texas. The purpose is to better inform them of the activities and performance of their representative lawmakers. YCT has selected the following bills which it believes accurately serve to gage a legislator's philosophy in light of YCT's Statement of Principles.

Over the past thirty years, the YCT ratings have earned the reputation as the best and most reliable measure of determining who is conservative in the Texas Legislature. Our ratings are unique in that YCT is the only organization in Texas to produce ratings of a state legislature for the last 30 years.

The YCT ratings cover an important period in Texas history. Since our first ratings, we have witnessed dramatic changes in Texas politics. During the past 30 years, Texans have seen the emergence of a viable Republican Party and the virtual disappearance of a conservative presence in the Democratic Party. These ratings serve to record the history of Texas lawmaking. The YCT ratings should not be construed as an official endorsement of any party or official.

### VOTING LEGEND

- “+” means votes favoring YCT’s position
- “0” means votes against YCT’s position
- “U” means legislator absent (unexcused), penalties assigned
- “E” means legislator absent (excused), no penalties assigned
- “P” means legislator is present not voting, penalties assigned
- “C” means legislator is voting present as Speaker, no penalties assigned
- “R” means vote was taken in the Regular Session
- “S1” means vote was taken in the First Special Session
- “S2” means vote was taken in the Second Special Session
- Vote numbers correspond with House and Senate Bill Explanations, respectively
- Italicized names denote Republicans; regular text denotes Democrats; and bolded names denote YCT Honor Roll with the score bolded.
- There are four numerical scores on our ratings. The first score (%) represents the legislator’s performance during the 79<sup>th</sup> regular and special sessions. The second score (C) is a composite or career rating, based on the member’s votes in all previous sessions, weighted accordingly. The third (78<sup>th</sup>) indicates that members rating from the previous regular session (if applicable). The fourth (+/-) indicates the increase or decrease from that session.

## HOUSE VOTE EXPLANATIONS

- 1) **HB 259 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 259 passed 109 – 30 – 1. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. In 2003, a provision was quietly inserted into the Transportation Code that allowed municipalities to install cameras at intersections and photograph red light runners and send the owner or operator of the vehicle a civil citation. HB 259 repeals this provision. YCT opposes installation of government-monitored cameras to broadly survey the public, as these invade on our civil liberties. (RV 34, February 24, 2005, p 449).
- 2) **HB 2 (R).** Amendment 9 by Martinez-Fischer. Amendment 9 was tabled 86 – 60 – 1. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 9 would have added a provision to the school finance bill that would prohibit the Legislature from reducing education spending, adjusted for student growth. The effect of the amendment would be automatic biennial increases in education spending. YCT believes that the Legislature should look for ways to make the education system less costly, and Amendment 9 undermines that goal. (RV 46, March 8, 2005, p 583).
- 3) **HB 2 (R).** Amendment 46 by Escobar. Amendment 46 tabled 85 – 61– 1. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 46 would have required the Texas Education Agency to certify the adequacy of each school district’s state funding and would have permitted school districts to challenge those certifications in Travis County District Court. YCT believes the elected Legislature should determine whether education funding is adequate rather than bureaucrats and judges who are elected by the constituents of one county. (RV 61, March 8, 2005, p 613).
- 4) **HB 2 (R).** Amendment 42 by Geren. Amendment 42 failed 72 – 76 – 0. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 42 would have removed a provision in the school finance bill that capped the percentage of a school district’s revenue that can be taken from the district through Robin Hood. YCT favors all attempts to repeal, reduce, or reform the Robin Hood redistribution scheme. (RV 63, March 8, 2005, p 614).
- 5) **HB 3 (R).** Amendment 8 by Coleman. Amendment 101 was tabled 88 – 54 – 3. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 8 would have removed a provision in the property tax bill that required a portion of future state budget surpluses to be used to buy down property tax rates. YCT believes that government should tax people as little as possible, and if it collects more money than it needs, it should return that money to the taxpayers. (RV 101, March 14, 2005, p 789).
- 6) **HB 3 (R).** Amendment 32 by Rodriguez. Amendment 32 was tabled 96 – 47 – 2. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 32 would have added a provision to the property tax bill to require landlords to give their property tax reduction savings to their tenants in the form of rent credits or rebates. YCT believes that tenants should receive the benefits of property tax relief but believes that relief should be distributed to them through the free market system rather than by government mandate. (RV 107, March 14, 2005, p 814).
- 7) **HB 3 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 3 passed 78 – 70 - 0. YCT-NO on passage to engrossment. HB 3 was the House Leadership’s property tax bill. Although it provided significant property tax relief, it included a payroll tax, several industry specific taxes, and imposed a 1-cent increase in the state sales tax. If it had become law, it would have been a net tax increase for 80 percent of all Texans. YCT favors tax reductions that are financed through spending restraint rather than tax shifts that increase most Texans’ tax burdens. (RV 119, March 14, 2005, p 890).
- 8) **HB 318 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 318 passed 114 – 30 – 1. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. Under current law, the Department of Public Safety must disclose whether an individual holds a concealed handgun license to any person submitting a written request and required fee, which could enable potential criminals to ascertain if a potential victim was likely to carry a firearm. HB 318 would require disclosure only to law enforcement agencies. YCT believes in protecting gun owners’ privacy rights from potential criminals. (RV 129, March 17, 2005, p 1031).

- 9) **HB 789 (R).** Amendment 25 by Thompson. Amendment 25 not tabled 36 – 99 – 2. YCT-NO on motion to table. Amendment 25 would have repealed the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund’s tax on local telephone companies. YCT favors reducing taxes on utilities. (RV 153, March 23, 2005, p 1168).
- 10) **SB 6 (R).** Amendment 60 by Talton. Amendment 60 adopted 81 – 58 – 1. YCT-YES on adoption. Amendment 60 prohibited homosexuals and bisexuals from being foster parents. YCT believes that homosexuality and bisexuality are destructive lifestyles and that foster children should not be placed in environments where those lifestyles are practiced. (RV 328, April 19, 2005, p 1961).
- 11) **HB 1006 (R).** Amendment 15 by Casteel. Amendment 15 adopted 87 – 53 – 1. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 15 weakened HB 1006 by requiring the bill’s budget limitations to be indexed for the Municipal Cost Index. The MCI is an inflation index, which is published by a municipal government magazine. YCT believes that municipalities should operate under meaningful budget restraints to keep the public’s property taxes low and that magazines should not influence those limitations. (RV 371, April 21, 2005, p. 2112).
- 12) **HJR 6 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HJR 6 passed 101 – 29 – 8. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. HJR 6 will permit the people to vote on a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. YCT believes in traditional family values and supports constitutional protection for the traditional definition of marriage. (RV 396, April 25, 2005, p 2205). NOTE – Joint resolutions can only be approved if they receive a 2/3 of the membership (as opposed to those voting). Accordingly YCT deems a vote of “Present” as a vote against the joint resolution.
- 13) **HB 1006 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 1006 passed 80 – 65 – 0. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. HB 1006 permits voters in a municipality to petition to hold an election to roll back property tax rates if the municipality’s budget exceeds the prior year’s budget by over 105 percent. YCT favors empowering the voters to review and if necessary reverse large increases in local government spending. (RV 406, April 26, 2005, p 2254).
- 14) **HB 1038 (R).** Final passage on third reading. HB 1038 passed 110 – 31 – 4. YCT-YES on final passage. HB 1038 reduces the conceal carry licensing fee from \$140 to \$100 and the renewal fee from \$70 to \$50. YCT staunchly favors the right to keep and bear arms and favors reducing fees, and HB 1038 advances both principles. (RV 423, April 27 2005, p 2324).
- 15) **HB 1706 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 1706 passed 83 – 63 – 1. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. Under current law, individuals seeking to vote are not required to prove their identity to poll workers, which creates an enormous opportunity for election fraud. HB 1706 requires a person attempting to vote to present a photographic identification or two non-photographic identifications to vote. YCT believes that maintaining the integrity of our election process should be one of our highest priorities. (RV 458, May 2, 2005, p 2497).
- 16) **HB 3540 (R).** Amendment 14 by Taylor to Amendment 11 by Turner. Amendment 14 adopted 89 – 52 - 1. YCT-YES on adoption. Amendment 11 authorized the sale of lottery tickets over the internet. Amendment 14 deleted that language and eliminated the underlying bill’s language calling for the Texas Lottery Commission to develop easier ways to sell tickets. YCT opposes the lottery as a means for collecting state revenues and opposes efforts to use personal credit as a means to purchase lottery tickets. (RV 488, May 4, 2005, p 2616).
- 17) **HB 2833 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 2833 passed 103 – 41 – 2. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. HB 2833 requires municipalities to compensate property owners if they impose water quality standards that reduce the value of their property. YCT believes private property rights to be fundamental and supports efforts to strengthen those rights. (RV 532, May 9, 2005, p 2844).
- 18) **HB 1795 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 1795 passed 96 – 47 – 2. YCT-YES on passage. HB 1795 permits state employees to use health savings accounts (HSAs). YCT views HSAs as a means to encourage consumer-based health care, which will drive down the cost of health care. (RV 599, May 11, 2005, p 3068).
- 19) **HB 2330 (R).** Amendment 2 by Turner on Third Reading. Amendment 2 failed 65 – 75 – 1. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 2 would have expressly permitted public universities to give priority to underrepresented

racial and ethnic groups in allocating available seats to those who graduate in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class. YCT is a colorblind organization and believes that race and ethnicity should have no bearing on college admissions. (RV 625, May 12, 2005, p 3209).

- 20) **HB 3 (R).** Motion to instruct conferees to remove Senate Amendment 24 from the conference committee report. Motion to instruct prevailed 72 – 65 - 1. YCT-YES on motion to instruct. Senate Amendment 24 authorized electronic pull tab bingo in Texas, which would have been an expansion of gambling. YCT is opposed to using gambling revenues as a tool to raise state money. (RV 670, May 13, 2005, p 3418).
- 21) **SB 419 (R).** Amendment 4 by Rose to Amendment 2 by Hartnett. Amendment 4 tabled 84 – 51 – 1. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 2 prohibits physicians from performing a third trimester abortion unless it is necessary to save the woman’s life. Amendment 4 would have added an additional exception allowing the abortion if it is necessary to protect the woman’s physical health. YCT supports pro-life legislation and favors as many limits on abortion as possible. YCT believes the health exception is too open to subjective interpretation to permit it. (RV 672, May 16, 2005, p 3440).
- 22) **SB 422 (R).** Amendment 22 by Geren. Amendment 22 adopted 74 – 70 – 0. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 22 altered the Texas Education Agency sunset bill’s pilot voucher program by allowing only public school choice under the program, effectively destroying the program. YCT believes that free market reforms such as vouchers are necessary to encourage the lowest performing public schools to improve. (RV 778, May 23, 2005, p 4099).
- 23) **SB 60 (R).** Passage to engrossment. SB 60 passed 104 – 37 - 1. YCT-NO on passage to engrossment. Prior to SB 60, a person convicted of a capital felony could receive the death penalty or life in prison with parole eligibility in 40 years. SB 60 removes the life with parole option and substitutes a life without parole option. The bill will give juries a more viable alternative to the death penalty than the prior law permitted, which will lead to fewer death sentences and more prison inmates who have no incentive to behave in prison. YCT favors the death penalty for the most violent offenders and favors the strongest incentives for juries to hand down death sentences. (RV 790, May 24, 2005, p 4219).
- 24) **SB 1227 (R).** Amendment 16 by Gallego. Amendment 16 was tabled 79 – 48 – 1. YCT-NO on the motion to table. In 2003, the Legislature divested itself of authority to cap tuition at public universities (so-called “tuition deregulation”) and vested that authority in the unelected bureaucrats. This led to massive increases at most Texas public universities and significant hardship on students and their families. Amendment 16 would have made “tuition deregulation” subject to sunset in 2008. YCT believes that the Legislature erred in passing “tuition deregulation” and favored this opportunity to repeal the law. (RV 810, May 24, 2005, p 4378).
- 25) **SB 1863 (R).** Final passage on third reading. SB 1863 passed 79 – 61 – 1. YCT-NO on final passage. SB 1863 increases several fees and raids allocated funds. YCT believes that fee increases are tax increases and opposes raiding funds designed for specific purposes to finance other state spending. (RV 822, May 25, 2005, p 4504).
- 26) **HB 2 (S1).** Amendment 26 by Gallego. Amendment 26 failed 79 – 66 – 1. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 26 would remove the teacher performance based incentive program from the education bill and redistribute the funding for the program to salaries for all school district employees, including non-teachers. YCT favors teacher incentive programs to encourage quality performance by educators. (RV 9, June 28, 2005, p 55).
- 27) **HB 2 (S1).** Amendment 33 by Giddings. Amendment 33 failed 72 – 76 – 0. YCT-NO on adoption. Under current law, public school trustees are not required to stand for election in November of even-numbered years, resulting in minute voter turnout in school trustee elections and the election of trustees who are not representative of the constituencies they serve. Amendment 33 would have removed language from the education bill requiring school trustees to be elected on the uniform Election Day in November of even-numbered years. YCT views the November election of trustees as one of the most critical education reforms. (RV 11, June 28, 2005, p 61).

- 28) HB 2 (S1).** Amendment 93 by Alonzo. Amendment 93 tabled 93 – 34 – 1. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 93 would have permitted school districts to allow individuals who are not citizens of the United States to vote in school trustee elections. YCT believes the right to vote is a privilege that should be reserved to those who are legal citizens of the United States. (RV 17, June 28, 2005, p 109).
- 29) HB 3 (S1).** Amendment 17 by Chisum. Amendment 17 was tabled 96 – 47 – 2. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 17 would have forced businesses to elect to pay the franchise tax or a payroll tax, which would have been a hidden state income tax. YCT has consistently opposed efforts to create a state income tax or anything that resembles such a tax. (RV 30, July 6, 2005, p 339).
- 30) HB 2 (S2).** Amendment 1 by Hochberg. Amendment 1 adopted 76 – 67 – 1. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 1 was the Democratic substitute school finance and education bill. It reduced the bill's property tax relief, added an additional \$2 billion to be spent by the education bureaucracy, and constituted a net tax increase. YCT opposes spending new money on the public education system without meaningful reform and opposes all tax increases. (RV 12, July 26, 2005, p 42).

## HOUSE SCORECARD

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	%	C	78th	+/-
Allen, A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	NA	NA
Allen, R.	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	U	0	+	+	U	0	+	60	81	80	-20			
Alonzo	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	17	9	10	7	
Anchia	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	27	27	NA	NA
<b>Anderson</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	93	93	NA	NA
Bailey	E	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	18	14	11	7
Baxter	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	U	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	79	75	8	
Berman	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	83	89	85	-2	
Blake	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	67	67	NA	NA
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Brown, F.	U	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	72	73	65	7
Burnam	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	27	12	15	12
Callegari	+	+	+	U	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	87	80	70	17	
Campbell	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	80	75	70	10	
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Chavez	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	27	10	15	12
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Cook, B.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	80	78	75	5	
Cook, R.	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	57	50	45	12
Corte	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	U	+	+	+	+	U	0	+	+	+	+	+	79	88	80	-1	
Crabb	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	80	90	85	-5
Craddick	C	C	C	+	C	C	0	C	C	C	C	+	+	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	+	C	C	C	C	+	C	C	C	/	90	NA	NA
<b>Crownover</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	90	81	79	11
Davis, J.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	80	86	84	-4	
Davis, Y.	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	23	10	15	8
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Delisi	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	E	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	84	85	-2	
Denny	E	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	89	80	3	
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Driver	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	E	71	79	88	-17	
Dukes	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	E	0	21	6	6	15
Dunnam	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	P	0	+	0	E	0	+	U	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	31	22	30	1

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	%	C	78th	+/-	
Dutton	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	21	14	25	-4	
Edwards	+	0	0	0	P	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	U	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	27	21	25	+2	
Eiland	+	0	0	+	E	E	E	0	+	0	0	E	U	U	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	U	+	0	0	+	+	0	31	27	35	-4	
Eissler	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	84	85	-2	
Elkins	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	U	+	+	0	E	79	83	70	+9	
Escobar	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	U	+	0	33	25	17	+16
Farabee	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	50	38	55	-5
Farrar	E	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	18	8	15	+3	
Flores	U	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	U	+	0	17	9	15	+2
Flynn	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	87	86	85	+2	
Frost	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	U	+	0	37	37	NA	NA
Gallego	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	37	20	12	+25
Gattis	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	E	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	86	83	79	+7	
Geren	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	U	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	U	0	0	0	+	0	0	40	48	55	-15
Giddings	+	0	U	0	0	U	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	E	E	U	0	0	0	+	0	25	15	25	0	
Gonzales	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	23	23	NA	NA	
Gonzalez Toureilles	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	37	37	NA	NA
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Goolsby	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	U	+	U	+	+	+	0	73	67	65	+8	
Griggs	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	60	68	75	-15	
Grusendorf	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	77	82	75	+2	
Guillen	+	0	0	0	P	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	U	U	0	37	29	20	+17
Haggerty	U	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	U	U	+	+	+	0	0	60	73	50	+10	
Hamilton	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	U	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	63	62	60	+3	
Hamric	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	73	86	85	-12	
Hardcastle	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	U	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	63	60	50	+13	
<b>Harper-Brown</b>	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	<b>90</b>	88	85	+5		
<b>Hartnett</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	89	+1	
Hegar	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	U	0	+	+	+	+	+	86	81	75	+11		
Herrero	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	E	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	28	28	NA	NA	
Hilderbran	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	79	86	80	-1	
Hill	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	U	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	73	87	80	-7	
Hochberg	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	27	14	15	+12	
Hodge	U	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	+	0	0	0	0	14	11	10	+4	
Homer	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	47	32	30	+17	
<b>Hope</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	<b>90</b>	77	74	+16	
Hopson	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	P	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	57	35	30	+27	
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Isett	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	83	90	86	-3	
Jackson	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	87	87	NA	NA	
Jones, D.	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	U	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	E	0	59	58	58	+1
Jones, J.	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	U	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	23	10	10	+13
Keel	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	77	70	60	+17	
Keffer, B.	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	87	84	+6	
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King, P.	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	83	77	75	+8	
King, T.	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	43	32	<sup>1</sup> 21	+22
Kolkhorst	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	79	68	50	+29
Krusee	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	83	88	80	+3	
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Laney	+	0	0	0	0	U	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	43	54	40	+3
Laubenberg	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	93	89	85	+8	
Leibowitz	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	30	30	NA	NA	
Luna	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	E	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	13	32	-11	
Madden	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	73	87	75	-2	
Martinez	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	21	21	NA	NA	
Martinez-Fischer	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	30	18	20	+10
McCall	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	77	71	68	+9	
McClendon	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	+	0	17	11	20	-3
McReynolds	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	47	31	30	+17
Menendez	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	E	+	+	0	U	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	U	E	+	0	32	17	10	+22	
Merritt	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	67	60	58	+9	
Miller	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	93	86	75	+18	
Moreno, J.	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	25	11	15	+10	
Moreno, P.	U	0	0	0	0	0	+	U	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	U	0	U	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	20	11	10	+10
Morrison	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	U	+	+	+	+	73	71	75	-2	
Mowery	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	77	84	80	-3
Naishtat	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	30	9	10	+20
Nixon	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	87	84	83	+4	
Noriega	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	E	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	28	28	<sup>2</sup> 20	+8
Oliveira	U	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	E	0	U	U	0	+	0	0	+	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	28	17	18	+10	

<sup>1</sup> Rep. Tracy King's was not a member of the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature. His rating for the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature is used instead.

<sup>2</sup> During the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Rep. Melissa Noriega served in the Texas House on behalf of her husband, Lt. Col. Rick Noriega, who was serving in the United States Army on active duty in Afghanistan. The rating from the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature is for Rep. Rick Noriega, who has since resumed his service in the Texas House.

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Olivo	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	E	E	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	36	15	20	+16	
Orr	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	83	NA	NA	
Otto	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	80	80	NA	NA	
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Pena	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	U	0	U	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	30	23	16	+14
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Pickett	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	43	24	35	+8
Pitts	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	E	+	E	+	+	+	0	E	+	E	E	E	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	67	77	78	-11	
Puente	+	0	0	U	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	17	13	25	-8	
Quintanilla	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	40	33	25	+15	
Raymond	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	47	25	20	+27	
Reyna	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	83	90	90	-7	
<b>Riddle</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	84	78	+12	
Ritter	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	U	0	0	37	37	60	-23
Rodriguez	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	27	19	10	+17	
Rose	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	48	35	21	+27	
Seaman	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	77	84	85	-8	
Smith, T.	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	77	74	75	+2	
Smith, W.	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	U	0	+	+	+	0	+	83	79	75	+8	
Smithee	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	E	+	+	0	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	79	85	83	-4	
Solis	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	E	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	21	12	20	+1	
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Strama	+	0	0	0	+	U	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	37	37	NA	NA	
Straus	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	73	73	NA	NA	
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Thompson	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	30	15	20	+10	
Truitt	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	U	0	+	+	+	+	+	80	79	80	0	
Turner	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	17	14	29	-12	
Uresti	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	13	8	10	+3	
<b>Van Arsdale</b>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	93	87	80	+13	
Veasey	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	27	27	NA	NA	
Villarreal	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	U	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	30	13	10	+20	
Vo	0	0	0	0	0	P	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	U	+	0	0	U	0	0	40	40	NA	NA	
West	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	80	78	65	+15	
Wong	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	77	79	80	-3	
Woolley	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	73	84	85	-12		
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## SENATE VOTE EXPLANATIONS

- 1) **SB 734 (R).** Amendment 1 by Ellis. Amendment 1 tabled 19 – 8. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 1 would have permitted municipalities to regulate or ban certain firearms. YCT views the right to keep and bear arms as fundamental and opposes any restrictions on law-abiding citizens to own and carry firearms. (March 31, 2005, p 755).
- 2) **SB 747 (R).** Amendment 1 by Deuell. Amendment 1 adopted 20 – 10. YCT-YES on adoption. SB 747 was enacted to expand eligibility for Medicaid recipients seeking preventive health and family planning services as a means of securing additional federal grant money. Amendment 1 assured that the federal money would not go to providing or promoting elective abortions. YCT is a pro-life organization and favors restrictions on government money being used to fund or promote abortions. (April 6, 2005, p 822).
- 3) **SB 60 (R).** Passage to engrossment. SB 60 passed 26 - 5. YCT-NO on passage to engrossment. Prior to SB 60, a person convicted of a capital felony could receive the death penalty or life in prison with parole eligibility in 40 years. SB 60 removes the life with parole option and substitutes a life without parole option. The bill will give juries a more viable alternative to the death penalty than the prior law permitted, which will lead to few death sentences and more prison inmates who have no incentive to behave in prison. YCT favors the death penalty for the most violent offenders and favors the strongest incentives for juries to hand down death sentences. (April 14, 2005, p 1014).
- 4) **SB 1228 (R).** Amendment 2 by Ellis. Amendment 2 not tabled 14 – 17. YCT-NO on motion to table. Amendment 2 would have repealed “deregulation” in 2008. YCT believes that the Legislature erred in passing “tuition deregulation” and favored this opportunity to undo its mistake. (May 3, 2005, p 1548).
- 5) **SB 333 (R).** Amendment 5 by Wentworth. Amendment 5 tabled 16 – 12. YCT-NO on motion to table. In 1997, the Texas Legislature guaranteed admission for all students who graduate in the top ten percent of their class a seat in any Texas public university (so-called “Top Ten Percent Rule”). The Rule was enacted as a proxy for affirmative action and discriminates against students who attend competitive high schools. Amendment 5 would have repealed the Rule. YCT believes that affirmative action and all proxies for it should be removed from the admissions process. (May 6, 2005, p 1692).
- 6) **HB 3 (R).** Amendment 4 by West. Amendment 4 was tabled 20 - 11. YCT-YES on motion to table. Amendment 4 would have added a provision to the property tax bill to require landlords to give their property tax reduction savings to their tenants in the form of rent credits or rebates. YCT believes that tenants should receive the benefits of property tax relief but believes that relief should be distributed to them through the free market system rather than by government mandate. (May 10, 2005, p 1793).
- 7) **HB 3 (R).** Amendment 24 by Armbrister. Amendment 24 was adopted 25 – 6. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 24 authorized electronic pull tab bingo in Texas, which would have been an expansion of gambling. YCT is opposed to using gambling revenues as a tool to raise money for the state budget. (May 10, 2005, p 1813).
- 8) **HB 3 (R).** Passage to engrossment. HB 3 passed 21 - 10. YCT-NO on passage to engrossment. HB 3 was the Senate Leadership’s property tax bill. Although it provided significant property tax relief, it included an altered payroll tax, a gross receipts tax, and imposed a ½ cent increase in the state sales tax. If it had become law, it would have been a net tax increase for 80 percent of all Texans. YCT favors tax reductions that are financed through spending restraint rather than tax shifts that increase most Texans’ tax burdens. (May 10, 2005, p 1868).
- 9) **HB 3 (R).** Amendment 1 by Gallegos on Third Reading. Amendment 1 failed 15 – 16. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 1 would have authorized video lottery terminals as a means of raising state money. YCT has opposed gambling as a tool to raise state money. (May 11, 2005, p 1921).
- 10) **HB 2 (R).** Amendment 9 by Carona. Amendment 9 failed 13 - 18. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 9 would have required the state’s accreditation allotment to be indexed for inflation, meaning the state would automatically increase its per-student allotment of money to each school district by the rate of inflation. YCT

believes that public education spending should not be increased without meaningful reform and financial accountability and opposes statutory mandates of spending increases in all programs. (May 11, 2005, p 1977).

- 11) **SB 1194 (R)**. Motion to suspend the regular order of business. Motion to suspend failed 16 – 14 (not receiving requisite 2/3 vote of members present). YCT-NO on motion to suspend. SB 1194 enabled school-based health clinics to provide “behavioral health services.” YCT believes that permitting school-based health clinics to engage in behavioral health service invades the province of the family. (May 12, 2005, p 2103).
- 12) **HB 2702 (R)**. Amendment 29 by Jackson. Amendment 29 tabled 18 - 13. YCT-NO on motion to table. In 2003, a provision was quietly inserted into the Transportation Code that allowed municipalities to install cameras at intersections and photograph red light runners and send the owner or operator of the vehicle a civil citation. Amendment 29 would have repealed this provision. YCT opposes installation of government-monitored cameras to broadly survey the public, as these invade on our civil liberties. (May 20, 2005, p 2687)
- 13) **HJR 6 (R)**. Adoption of the joint resolution. HJR 6 passed 21 - 9. YCT-YES on passage to engrossment. HJR 6 will permit the people to vote on a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. YCT believes in traditional family values and supports constitutional protection for the traditional definition of marriage. (May 21, 2005, p 2745)
- 14) **SB 419 (R)**. Motion to concur in House amendments. Motion prevailed 23 - 7. YCT-YES on motion to concur. The motion to concur approved the House’s amendments to prohibit physicians from performing third trimester abortions and performing abortions on minors without parental consent. YCT supports pro-life legislation and favors as many limits on abortion as possible. (May 26, 2005, p 3873).
- 15) **SB 1863 (R)**. Adoption of the conference committee report. Conference committee report was adopted 21 - 10. YCT-NO on final passage. SB 1863 increases several fees and raids allocated funds. YCT believes that fee increases are tax increases and opposes raiding funds designed for specific purposes to finance other state spending. (May 29, 2005, p 5043).
- 16) **HB 2 (S1)**. Amendment 3 by Gallegos. Amendment 3 failed 9 - 22. YCT-NO on adoption. Amendment 3 would have reduced the school finance bill’s property tax relief to fund a larger teacher pay raise and increase education funding. It was a net tax increase. YCT opposes spending new money on the public education system without meaningful reform and opposes all tax increases. (June 30, 2005, p 43).
- 17) **HB 3 (S1)**. Amendment 1 by Brimer. Amendment 1 adopted 15 – 14 – 1. YCT-YES on adoption. Amendment 1 removed the payroll and profits taxes from the Senate version of HB 3. YCT opposes the creation of new taxes as a means of funding property tax reductions. (July 10, 2005, p 112). NOTE: Lt. Governor David Dewhurst cast a tie-breaking vote in favor of Amendment 1.
- 18) **HB 3 (S1)**. Amendment 21 by Williams. Amendment 21 was tabled 19 – 10. YCT-NO on motion to table. Amendment 21 would have inserted a provision into HB 3 that required a portion of future state budget surpluses to be used to buy down property tax rates. YCT believes that government should tax people as little as possible, and if it collects more money than it needs, it should return that money to the taxpayers. (July 10, 2005, p 132).
- 19) **SB 62 (S1)**. Amendment 9 by Lindsay. Amendment tabled 15 – 17. YCT-YES on motion to table. SB 62 was designed to protect property owners from governmental takings for private entities and for “economic development” purposes. Amendment 9 would have caused those protections to expire in 2007. YCT believes in protecting private property owners when the government seeks to exercise its eminent domain powers to take property and give it to another private entity in the name of “economic development” and sees no reason to sunset such protections. (July 13, 2005, p 277).
- 20) **SB 7 (S2)**. Final passage on third reading. SB 7 passed 25 – 4. YCT-YES on final passage. SB 7 was designed to protect property owners from governmental takings for private entities and for “economic development” purposes. YCT believes in protecting private property owners when the government seeks to exercise its eminent domain powers to take property and give it to another private entity in the name of “economic development.” (August 9, 2005, p 79).

## SENATE SCORECARD

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	%	C	78th	+/-
Armbrister	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	50	55	50	0
Averitt	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	50	70	67	-17
Barrientos	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	20	10	12	+8
Brimer	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	65	78	70	-5
Carona	+	+	0	0	E	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	E	+	0	+	E	E	E	+	53	78	56	-3
Deuell	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	71	67	+8
Duncan	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	U	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	60	65	62	-2
Ellis	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	15	17	22	-7
Eltife	+	E	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	72	72	NA	NA
Estes	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	75	74	72	+3
Fraser	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	85	87	83	+2
Gallegos	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	14	11	-1
Harris	E	+	0	+	U	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	63	75	67	-4
Hinojosa	U	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	25	17	19	+6
Jackson	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	75	83	78	-3
Janek	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	77	78	-3
Lindsay	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	65	69	61	+4
Lucio	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	30	33	47	-17
Madla	E	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	E	39	30	47	-8
Nelson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	85	93	83	2
Ogden	E	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	P	0	0	+	58	79	83	-25
Seliger	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	U	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	65	65	NA	NA
Shapiro	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	70	86	72	-2
Shapleigh	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	30	15	6	+24
Staples	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	E	+	+	78	82	72	+6
Van de Putte	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	E	37	21	33	+4
Wentworth	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	50	71	67	-17
West	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	40	26	22	+18
Whitmire	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	32	22	-7
Williams	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	75	84	76	-1
Zaffirini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	10	27	28	-18

## 2005 HONOR ROLL

Scores from 90-100 percent

*\*Highest scoring member in italics.*

<b>Rep. Charles "Doc" Anderson (93%)</b>	<b>Rep. Dwayne Bohac (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Betty Brown (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Myra Crownover (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Linda Harper-Brown (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Will Hartnett (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Ruben Hope (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Charlie Howard (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Bryan Hughes (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Bill Keffer (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Jodie Laubenberg (93%)</b>	<b>Rep. Sid Miller (93%)</b>
<i>Rep. Ken Paxton (97%)</i>	<b>Rep. Larry Phillips (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Debbie Riddle (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Burt Solomons (96%)</b>
<b>Rep. Robert Talton (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Larry Taylor (93%)</b>
<b>Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale (93%)</b>	<b>Rep. Bill Zedler (93%)</b>

## HONORABLE MENTION

Scores from 81-89 percent

Rep. Todd Baxter (83%)	Rep. Leo Berman (83%)
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Rep. Byron Cook (83%)	Rep. Dianne White Delisi (83%)
Rep. Mary Denny (83%)	Rep. Rob Eissler (83%)
Rep. Dan Flynn (87%)	Rep. Dan Gattis (86%)
Rep. Glen Hegar (86%)	Rep. Carl Isett (83%)
Rep. Jim Jackson (87%)	Rep. Phil King (83%)
Rep. Mike Krusee (83%)	Rep. Joe Nixon (87%)
Rep. Rob Orr (83%)	Rep. Elvira Reyna (83%)
Rep. Wayne Smith (83%)	Sen. Troy Fraser (85%)
Sen. Jane Nelson (85%)	

## HISTORICAL HONOR ROLL

Composite Scores 90-100 Percent

*\*Historical Honor Roll based on 2 or more sessions. No rookies included.*

<b>Rep. Joe Crabb (90%)</b>	<b>Speaker Tom Craddick (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Will Hartnett (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Charlie Howard (91%)</b>
<b>Rep. Bryan Hughes (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (90%)</b>
<b>Rep. Carl Isett (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Ken Paxton (94%)</b>
<b>Rep. Elvira Reyna (90%)</b>	<b>Rep. Robert Talton (94%)</b>

**MOST LIBERAL LEGISLATORS**

Score 20 percent and below

Rep. Alma Allen (13%)	Rep. Carlos Uresti (13%)
Rep. Terri Hodge (14%)	Rep. Roberto Alonzo (17%)
Rep. Kino Flores (17%)	Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon (17%)
Rep. Robert Puente (17%)	Rep. Sylvester Turner (17%)
Rep. Kevin Bailey (18%)	Rep. Jessica Farrar (18%)
Sen. Mario Gallegos (10%)	Sen. Judith Zaffirini (10%)
Sen. Rodney Ellis (15%)	Sen. John Whitmire (15%)

**MOST CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS**

Scores for Session above 40 percent

Rep. Robert Cook (57%)	Rep. David Farabee (50%)
Rep. Mark Homer (47%)	Rep. Chuck Hopson (57%)
Rep. Tracy King (43%)	Rep. James E. "Pete" Laney (43%)
Rep. Jim McReynolds (47%)	Rep. Joe Pickett (43%)
Rep. Richard Raymond (47%)	Rep. Patrick Rose (48%)
Sen. Ken Armbrister (50%)	

**MOST LIBERAL REPUBLICANS**

Scores for Session below 60 percent

Rep. Carter Casteel (53%)	Rep. Charlie Geren (40%)
Rep. Toby Goodman (53%)	Rep. Bob Hunter (47%)
Rep. Bob Griggs (59%)	Rep. Delwin Jones (59%)
Sen. Kip Averitt (50%)	Sen. John Carona (53%)
Sen. Steve Ogden (58%)	

**DANGEROUS TRENDS**

Declines of more than 15 points

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>Change From Previous Rating</u>
Sen. Steve Ogden	-25
Rep. Bob Hunter	-23
Rep. Allan Ritter	-23
Rep. Ray Allen	-20
Sen. Judith Zaffirini	-18
Rep. Joe Driver	-17
Sen. Eddie Lucio	-17
Sen. Kip Averitt	-17
Sen. Jeff Wentworth	-17
Rep. Bob Griggs	-15
Rep. Charlie Geren	-15

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