

LEGISLATIVE RATINGS FOR THE 83rd LEGISLATURE

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Young Conservatives of Texas Rates the 83rd Texas Legislature

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Statement of Principles

*We, as **YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS**, dedicate ourselves to the preservation of the American Dream and a strong and free America. To this end, we hereby affirm:*

That the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution embody the spirit of the United States and her people;

That the Declaration of Independence, reflecting the combined wisdom of its authors, recognizes the freedom of an individual as inherited from one sovereign God;

That this freedom must not be violated by institutions established by or presided over by men;

That the Constitution clearly limits the authority of the Federal Government to the protection of our God given rights and the administration of justice;

That the states of this nation are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent, reserving for themselves all powers not clearly delegated by them to the Federal Government, as stated in the tenth amendment;

That the liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom will not long survive without religious and economic freedom;

That the free enterprise system, including a sound currency and the prohibition of government created inflation, is the only economic system consistent with the promotion of life, liberty and prosperity;

That the purpose of American foreign policy, clearly discerning our friends and enemies, should be, by means of a superior national defense and a strong free economy, to maintain the freedom of the people of America and, insofar as consistent with that purpose, to keep our country at peace.

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Message from Jenna White

Chair, Legislative Ratings Committee

Thank you for viewing YCT's 20th installment of our Ratings of the Texas Legislature. Young Conservatives of Texas has produced these ratings since 1975 as a public service to Texas voters, and those past installments, along with a chart showing each legislator's score since 1975, are available on our website. We hope that this installment will continue the tradition that has made our legislative ratings the most respected, thorough, and trusted in the State of Texas.

In producing our legislative ratings, YCT works to paint an accurate picture of each legislator's adherence to conservative principles. We do this by selecting votes that we believe offered a clear left/right public policy choice. Unlike some organizations, we don't limit ourselves to high-profile bills but look for both large and small bills that implicate conservative principles.

In keeping with the goal of painting an accurate picture of each legislator's adherence to voting for conservative principles, we have included an accounting of statements of intent in this installment. Each legislator's score gives full faith and credit to statements of intent, but we also pointed out the changes that they made, and what votes would have looked like if statements of intent weren't available.

The evaluation of each member is not limited to just this session's votes, however. We also provide a career score based on each member's average rating over their entire career, since 1975. For example, Rep. Senfronia Thompson's career rating of 14 is based off of a total of 529 votes.

We urge you to read the descriptions of the bills selected to better understand not just how YCT would have voted on each measure but why we feel so strongly about them.

A note about this session's installment: We are again providing a comparison of the scores of committee chairmen, this time between the 82nd and 83rd legislatures. Committee chairmen truly dominate the legislative process and control what pieces of legislation go forward. We hope the comparison will help illuminate whether this session's large Republican and conservative majorities had a significant impact on whether conservative legislation had a chance to move through the legislative process without interruption, and if not, why.

We hope that these ratings will be a useful guide in evaluating legislators. However, these ratings should not be construed as an endorsement for or against any candidate.

Finally, these ratings are entirely a product of the volunteer efforts of students and young professionals busy with work and school. I would like to thank the many members of Young Conservatives of Texas who helped bring this document together, and I would particularly like to thank Brandon Waltens, John Horton, and Jeff Morris for their efforts.

Regards,



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Scorecard Legend

P	Party Affiliation	82nd	Rating for 82nd Session
D	District Number	+/-	Change
83rd	Rating for 83rd Session	C	Career Rating

- A vote with YCT is designated by a “+” and scored positively.
 - A vote against YCT is designated by a “-” and scored negatively.
 - A vote of Present-not-voting, unless the member is in the chair, is designated by “NV” and scored negatively.
 - A vote of Present-not-voting while serving in the chair is designated by a “CH” and scored neutrally.
 - An unexcused absence is designated by an “AU” and scored negatively.
 - An excused absence is designated by an “AE” and scored neutrally.
 - *The Speaker's votes and scores are designated "SP" because the Speaker does not traditionally vote. Speaker Straus is listed in the Quick Reference by Score on page 8 according to his career score.*
 - *All Journal Statements are given full faith and scored accordingly. However, vote totals as listed in the vote descriptions reflect the vote totals at the time the record vote was taken. These vote changes are indicated by an orange background on the scorecard.*
 - *Official Legislative Journals were used, accessed at www.legis.state.tx.us.*
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Awards and Categories

Honor Roll

83rd Legislature 90% & Above

Rep. Stickland	97%
Rep. Krause	95%
Rep. Schaefer	95%
Rep. Toth	95%
Sen. Paxton	93%
Rep. Capriglione	92%
Rep. Fallon	92%
Rep. Goldman	92%
Rep. Taylor	92%
Rep. Laubenberg	91%
Rep. Zedler	90%
Rep. Scott Turner	90%

Rookies of the Year

Highest Scoring Rookie by Chamber

Sen. Paxton	93%
Rep. Stickland	97%

Highest Scoring Democrats

83rd Legislature 30% & Above

Sen. Whitmire	41%
Sen. Hinojosa	36%
Sen. Lucio	33%
Sen. Uresti	31%
Sen. Ellis	31%
Rep. Guillen	30%

Most Liberal Legislators

83rd Legislature 10% & Below

Rep. Rodriguez, J.	7%
Rep. Anchia	7%
Rep. Naishtat	8%
Rep. Turner, C.	8%
Rep. Wu	8%
Rep. Alonzo	8%
Rep. Miles	9%
Rep. González, M.	10%
Rep. Lucio	10%
Rep. Reynolds	10%

Honorable Mention

83rd Legislature 80% - 89%

Rep. Klick	88%	Rep. Leach	83%
Rep. Simpson	88%	Rep. Sanford	83%
Rep. Springer	88%	Rep. Simmons	82%
Rep. Flynn	87%	Rep. G. Bonnen	82%
Sen. Estes	86%	Rep. Gooden	82%
Rep. P. King	86%	Sen. Campbell	81%
Sen. Birdwell	85%	Rep. Creighton	80%
Rep. Parker	85%	Rep. Frank	80%
Rep. Carter	83%	Rep. White	80%

Historic Honor Roll

Career Rating 85% & Above (No first time legislators)

Sen. Paxton	95%	Sen. Nelson	88%
Rep. Laubenberg	91%	Rep. Zedler	86%
Sen. Birdwell	90%	Rep. Taylor	86%
Rep. Simpson	90%	Rep. Craddick	86%
Rep. Flynn	88%	Rep. Phillips	85%

Certified RINOs

Republicans In Name Only

Republicans with Career Rating of 55% & Below (No Rookies)

Rep. Lozano	37%
Rep. Ritter	41%
Sen. Seliger	54%
Sen. Duncan	54%
Rep. Hunter	55%

Most Improved Legislators

Legislator in Each Chamber with the Most Positive Change from Previous Rating

Sen. Estes	+31%
Rep. Taylor	+12%

Lowest Scoring Republicans

83rd Legislature 50% & Below

Rep. Lozano	36%
Rep. Sheffield, J.	37%
Rep. Pitts	38%
Rep. Zerwas	40%
Rep. Davis, J.	40%
Rep. Patrick	40%
Rep. Callegari	42%
Rep. Geren	43%
Rep. Cook	44%
Rep. Davis, S.	44%
Rep. Ritter	44%
Rep. Smith	45%
Rep. Kacal	47%
Rep. Raney	47%
Rep. Keffer	49%
Rep. King, K.	50%
Rep. Price	50%

Dangerous Trends

A Negative Change of 20% or More

Rep. Geren	30%
Rep. Otto	30%
Rep. Riddle	25%
Rep. Pitts	24%
Rep. J. Davis	24%
Rep. Keffer	23%
Rep. Patrick	23%
Rep. Orr	22%
Rep. Smith	21%
Rep. Cook	20%
Rep. Zerwas	20%
Rep. Price	20%

Change in Ratings by Standing Committee Chairmen

82nd to 83rd Legislature

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
83rd: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>King, Tracy</i>	27
82nd: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>Hardcastle, Rick</i>	65
83rd: Appropriations	<i>Pitts, Jim</i>	38
82nd: Appropriations	<i>Pitts, Jim</i>	62
International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs	<i>Anchia, Rafael</i>	7
82nd: Border & Intergovernmental Affairs	<i>Gonzales, Veronica</i>	15
83rd: Business & Industry	<i>Oliveira, René</i>	10
82nd: Business & Industry	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	32
83rd: Calendars	<i>Hunter, Todd</i>	59
82nd: Calendars	<i>Hunter, Todd</i>	69
83rd: Corrections	<i>Parker, Tan</i>	73
82nd: Corrections	<i>Madden, Jerry</i>	76
83rd: County Affairs	<i>Coleman, Garnet</i>	12
82nd: County Affairs	<i>Coleman, Garnet</i>	13
83rd: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Herrero, Abel</i>	27
83rd: Criminal Procedure Reform, Select	<i>Riddle, Debbie</i>	54
82nd: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Gallego, Pete</i>	30
83rd: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Guillen, Ryan</i>	30
82nd: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Guillen, Ryan</i>	45
83rd: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	<i>Menéndez, José</i>	17
82nd: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	<i>Pickett, Joe</i>	46
83rd: Elections	<i>Morrison, Geanie</i>	63
82nd: Elections	<i>Taylor, Larry</i>	70
83rd: Energy Resources	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	49
82nd: Energy Resources	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	72
83rd: Environmental Regulation	<i>Harless, Patricia</i>	53
82nd: Environmental Regulation	<i>Smith, Wayne</i>	65
83rd: General Investigating & Ethics	<i>Zerwas, John</i>	40
82nd: General Investigations & Ethics	<i>Hopson, Chuck</i>	58
83rd: Higher Education	<i>Branch, Dan</i>	68
82nd: Higher Education	<i>Branch, Dan</i>	66
83rd: House Administration	<i>Geren, Charlie</i>	43
82nd: House Administration	<i>Geren, Charlie</i>	73
83rd: Human Services	<i>Raymond, Richard</i>	22
82nd: Human Services	<i>Raymond, Richard</i>	32
83rd: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	74
82nd: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	67
83rd: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	<i>Lewis, Tryon</i>	60
82nd: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	<i>Jackson, Jim</i>	70
83rd: Land & Resource Management	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	22
82nd: Land & Resource Management	<i>Oliveira, Rene</i>	22

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
83rd: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Smith, Wayne</i>	45
82nd: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Hamilton, Mike "Tuffy"</i>	60
83rd: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Thompson, Senfronia</i>	15
82nd: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Thompson, Senfronia</i>	13
83rd: Natural Resources	<i>Ritter, Allan</i>	44
83rd: Special Purpose Districts	<i>Bonnen, Dennis</i>	66
82nd: Natural Resources	<i>Ritter, Allan</i>	57
83rd: Pensions	<i>Callegari, Bill</i>	42
83rd: Investments & Financial Services	<i>Villarreal, Mike</i>	15
82nd: Pensions, Investments & Fin. Services	<i>Truitt, Vicki</i>	61
83rd: Public Education	<i>Aycock, Jimmie Don</i>	53
82nd: Public Education	<i>Eissler, Rob</i>	65
83rd: Public Health	<i>Kolkhorst, Lois</i>	66
82nd: Public Health	<i>Kolkhorst, Lois</i>	73
83rd: Homeland Security & Public Safety	<i>Pickett, Joe</i>	28
82nd: Homeland Security & Public Safety	<i>Miller, Sid</i>	78
83rd: Redistricting	<i>Darby, Drew</i>	52
83rd: Redistricting, Select	<i>Darby, Drew</i>	52
82nd: Redistricting	<i>Solomons, Burt</i>	75
83rd: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	20
82nd: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	18
83rd: State Affairs	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	44
82nd: State Affairs	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	64
83rd: Technology	<i>Elkins, Gary</i>	65
82nd: Technology	<i>Pena, Aaron</i>	53
83rd: Transportation	<i>Phillips, Larry</i>	75
82nd: Transportation	<i>Phillips, Larry</i>	82
83rd: Urban Affairs	<i>Dutton, Harold</i>	16
82nd: Urban Affairs	<i>Dutton, Harold</i>	21
83rd: Ways & Means	<i>Hilderbran, Harvey</i>	72
82nd: Ways & Means	<i>Hilderbran, Harvey</i>	75
83rd: Government Efficiency & Reform	<i>Harper-Brown, Linda</i>	64
83rd: Transparency in State Agency Operations, Select	<i>Alvarado, Carol</i>	14
82nd: Government Efficiency & Reform	<i>Callegari, Bill</i>	64
83rd: Economic & Small Business Development	<i>Davis, John</i>	40
83rd: Economic, Select Manufacturing	<i>Murphy, Jim</i>	57
82nd: Economic & Small Business Development	<i>Davis, John</i>	63
83rd: Federalism & Fiscal Responsibility, Select	<i>Creighton, Brandon</i>	80
82nd: State Sovereignty, Select	<i>Creighton, Brandon</i>	83

Average Committee Chair Rating	
83rd	43
82nd	55

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Legislative Ratings – 83rd Session

Quick Reference – Listed By Name

P	D	Legislator	83rd	C
House				
D	131	Allen	18	14
D	104	Alonzo	8	10
D	145	Alvarado	14	12
D	103	Anchia	7	13
R	56	Anderson	75	81
R	57	Ashby	59	R
R	54	Aycock	53	72
R	3	Bell	70	R
R	138	Bohac	67	70
R	25	Bonnen, D.	66	77
R	24	Bonnen, G.	82	R
R	108	Branch	68	72
R	113	Burkett	73	74
D	90	Burnam	14	11
R	112	Button	71	70
R	132	Callegari	42	72
D	40	Canales	12	R
R	98	Capriglione	92	R
R	102	Carter	83	78
R	11	Clardy	59	R
D	147	Coleman	12	11
D	95	Collier	12	R
R	8	Cook	44	69
D	117	Cortez	13	R
R	82	Craddick	67	86
R	16	Creighton	80	82
R	64	Crownover	55	75
R	136	Dale	73	R
R	72	Darby	52	66
R	129	Davis, J.	40	75
R	134	Davis, S.	44	61
D	111	Davis, Y.	12	11
D	22	Deshotel	22	22
D	46	Dukes	15	12
D	142	Dutton	16	14
D	23	Eiland	20	25
R	135	Elkins	65	81
R	106	Fallon	92	R
D	118	Farias	12	18
R	20	Farney	53	R
D	148	Farrar	12	9
R	130	Fletcher	78	83
R	2	Flynn	87	88
R	69	Frank	80	R
R	84	Frullo	63	68

P	D	Legislator	83rd	C
R	99	Geren	43	56
D	109	Giddings	12	16
R	97	Goldman	92	R
R	52	Gonzales	66	65
D	75	González, M.	10	R
D	76	Gonzalez, N.	17	17
R	4	Gooden	82	77
D	41	Guerra	13	R
D	31	Guillen	30	35
D	119	Gutierrez	17	16
R	126	Harless	53	67
R	105	Harper-Brown	64	80
D	143	Hernandez Luna	11	9
D	34	Herrero	27	19
R	53	Hilderbran	72	82
D	48	Howard	13	12
R	127	Huberty	58	65
R	5	Hughes	78	84
R	32	Hunter	59	55
R	45	Isaac	72	73
D	100	Johnson	19	22
R	12	Kacal	47	R
R	60	Keffer	49	71
R	88	King, K.	50	R
R	61	King, P.	86	79
R	71	King, S.	52	61
D	80	King, T.	27	35
R	17	Kleinschmidt	69	74
R	91	Klick	88	R
R	13	Kolkhorst	66	73
R	93	Krause	95	R
R	44	Kuempel	55	61
R	122	Larson	53	62
R	89	Laubenberg	91	91
R	1	Lavender	68	73
R	67	Leach	83	R
R	81	Lewis	60	68
D	35	Longoria	16	R
R	43	Lozano	36	37
D	38	Lucio	10	16
D	77	Marquez	13	15
D	39	Martinez	18	15
D	116	Martinez Fischer	14	24
D	120	McClendon	20	14
D	124	Menendez	17	24
D	146	Miles	9	16

P	D	Legislator	83rd	C
R	73	Miller, D.	53	64
R	26	Miller, R.	65	R
D	78	Moody	15	R
R	30	Morrison	63	70
D	36	Munoz	22	25
R	133	Murphy	57	69
D	49	Naishtat	8	10
D	74	Nevárez	14	R
D	37	Oliveira	10	19
R	58	Orr	58	78
R	18	Otto	41	68
R	9	Paddie	62	R
R	63	Parker	73	85
R	94	Patrick	40	57
D	144	Perez	15	R
R	83	Perry	78	79
R	62	Phillips	75	85
D	79	Pickett	28	26
R	10	Pitts	38	68
R	87	Price	50	60
R	14	Raney	47	R
R	115	Ratliff	52	R
D	42	Raymond	22	26
D	27	Reynolds	10	15
R	150	Riddle	54	81
R	21	Ritter	44	41
D	51	Rodriguez, E.	12	14
D	125	Rodriguez, J.	7	R
D	110	Rose	13	R
R	70	Sanford	83	R
R	6	Schaefer	95	R
R	107	Sheets	69	70
R	59	Sheffield, J.	37	R
R	55	Sheffield, R.	68	75
R	65	Simmons	82	R
R	7	Simpson	88	90
R	128	Smith	45	74
R	86	Smithee	74	82
R	68	Springer	88	R
R	85	Stephenson	55	R
R	92	Stickland	97	R
D	50	Strama	13	18
R	121	Straus	SP	67
R	66	Taylor	92	86
R	29	Thompson, E.	73	R
D	141	Thompson, S.	15	14

P	D	Legislator	83rd	C
R	15	Toth	95	R
D	101	Turner, C.	8	R
R	33	Turner, E.S.	90	R
D	139	Turner, S.	16	17
R	114	Villalba	58	R
D	123	Villarreal	15	15
D	149	Vo	18	26
D	140	Walle	15	14
R	19	White	80	81
R	47	Workman	58	67
D	137	Wu	8	R
R	96	Zedler	90	86
R	28	Zerwas	40	59

Senate				
R	22	Birdwell	85	90
R	25	Campbell	81	R
R	16	Carona	55	61
D	10	Davis	26	19
R	2	Deuell	55	56
R	28	Duncan	55	54
D	13	Ellis	31	15
R	1	Eltife	52	56
R	30	Estes	86	69
R	24	Fraser	76	80
D	6	Garcia	14	R
R	9	Hancock	76	R
R	18	Hegar	71	61
D	20	Hinojosa	36	25
R	17	Huffman	74	69
D	27	Lucio	33	36
R	12	Nelson	79	88
R	3	Nichols	64	64
R	7	Patrick	79	84
R	8	Paxton	93	R
D	29	Rodriguez	14	12
R	5	Schwertner	62	R
R	31	Seliger	52	54
R	11	Taylor	67	R
D	19	Uresti	31	17
D	26	Van De Putte	24	25
D	14	Watson	17	16
D	23	West	28	25
D	15	Whitmire	41	27
R	4	Williams	57	68
D	21	Zaffirini	21	26

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House				
R		92 Stickland	97	R
R		93 Krause	95	R
R		6 Schaefer	95	R
R		15 Toth	95	R
R		98 Capriglione	92	R
R		106 Fallon	92	R
R		97 Goldman	92	R
R		66 Taylor	92	86
R		89 Laubenberg	91	91
R		33 Turner, E.S.	90	R
R		96 Zedler	90	86
R		91 Klick	88	R
R		7 Simpson	88	90
R		68 Springer	88	R
R		2 Flynn	87	88
R		61 King, P.	86	79
R		102 Carter	83	78
R		67 Leach	83	R
R		70 Sanford	83	R
R		24 Bonnen, G.	82	R
R		4 Gooden	82	77
R		65 Simmons	82	R
R		16 Creighton	80	82
R		69 Frank	80	R
R		19 White	80	81
R		130 Fletcher	78	83
R		5 Hughes	78	84
R		83 Perry	78	79
R		56 Anderson	75	81
R		62 Phillips	75	85
R		86 Smithee	74	82
R		113 Burkett	73	74
R		136 Dale	73	R
R		63 Parker	73	85
R		29 Thompson, E.	73	R
R		53 Hilderbran	72	82
R		45 Isaac	72	73
R		112 Button	71	70
R		3 Bell	70	R
R		17 Kleinschmidt	69	74
R		107 Sheets	69	70
R		108 Branch	68	72
R		1 Lavender	68	73
R		55 Sheffield, R.	68	75
R		121 Straus	SP	67

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R		138 Bohac	67	70
R		82 Craddick	67	86
R		25 Bonnen, D.	66	77
R		52 Gonzales	66	65
R		13 Kolkhorst	66	73
R		135 Elkins	65	81
R		26 Miller, R.	65	R
R		105 Harper-Brown	64	80
R		84 Frullo	63	68
R		30 Morrison	63	70
R		9 Paddie	62	R
R		81 Lewis	60	68
R		57 Ashby	59	R
R		11 Clardy	59	R
R		32 Hunter	59	55
R		127 Huberty	58	65
R		58 Orr	58	78
R		114 Villalba	58	R
R		47 Workman	58	67
R		133 Murphy	57	69
R		64 Crownover	55	75
R		44 Kuempel	55	61
R		85 Stephenson	55	R
R		150 Riddle	54	81
R		54 Aycock	53	72
R		20 Farney	53	R
R		126 Harless	53	67
R		122 Larson	53	62
R		73 Miller, D.	53	64
R		72 Darby	52	66
R		71 King, S.	52	61
R		115 Ratliff	52	R
R		88 King, K.	50	R
R		87 Price	50	60
R		60 Keffer	49	71
R		12 Kacal	47	R
R		14 Raney	47	R
R		128 Smith	45	74
R		8 Cook	44	69
R		134 Davis, S.	44	61
R		21 Ritter	44	41
R		99 Geren	43	56
R		132 Callegari	42	72
R		18 Otto	41	68
R		129 Davis, J.	40	75
R		94 Patrick	40	57

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R		28 Zerwas	40	59
R		10 Pitts	38	68
R		59 Sheffield, J.	37	R
R		43 Lozano	36	37
D		31 Guillen	30	35
D		79 Pickett	28	26
D		34 Herrero	27	19
D		80 King, T.	27	35
D		22 Deshotel	22	22
D		36 Munoz	22	25
D		42 Raymond	22	26
D		23 Eiland	20	25
D		120 McClendon	20	14
D		100 Johnson	19	22
D		131 Allen	18	14
D		39 Martinez	18	15
D		149 Vo	18	26
D		76 Gonzalez, N.	17	17
D		119 Gutierrez	17	16
D		124 Menendez	17	24
D		142 Dutton	16	14
D		35 Longoria	16	R
D		139 Turner, S.	16	17
D		46 Dukes	15	12
D		78 Moody	15	R
D		144 Perez	15	R
D		141 Thompson, S.	15	14
D		123 Villarreal	15	15
D		140 Walle	15	14
D		145 Alvarado	14	12
D		90 Burnam	14	11
D		116 Martinez Fischer	14	24
D		74 Nevárez	14	R
D		117 Cortez	13	R
D		41 Guerra	13	R
D		48 Howard	13	12
D		77 Marquez	13	15
D		110 Rose	13	R
D		50 Strama	13	18
D		40 Canales	12	R
D		147 Coleman	12	11
D		95 Collier	12	R
D		111 Davis, Y.	12	11
D		118 Farias	12	18
D		148 Farrar	12	9
D		109 Giddings	12	16

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D		51 Rodriguez, E.	12	14
D		143 Hernandez Luna	11	9
D		75 González, M.	10	R
D		38 Lucio	10	16
D		37 Oliveira	10	19
D		27 Reynolds	10	15
D		146 Miles	9	16
D		104 Alonzo	8	10
D		49 Naishtat	8	10
D		101 Turner, C.	8	R
D		137 Wu	8	R
D		103 Anchia	7	13
D		125 Rodriguez, J.	7	R

Senate				
R		8 Paxton	93	R
R		30 Estes	86	69
R		22 Birdwell	85	90
R		25 Campbell	81	R
R		12 Nelson	79	88
R		7 Patrick	79	84
R		24 Fraser	76	80
R		9 Hancock	76	R
R		17 Huffman	74	69
R		18 Hegar	71	61
R		11 Taylor	67	R
R		3 Nichols	64	64
R		5 Schwertner	62	R
R		4 Williams	57	68
R		16 Carona	55	61
R		2 Deuell	55	56
R		28 Duncan	55	54
R		1 Eltife	52	56
R		31 Seliger	52	54
D		15 Whitmire	41	27
D		20 Hinojosa	36	25
D		27 Lucio	33	36
D		13 Ellis	31	15
D		19 Uresti	31	17
D		23 West	28	25
D		10 Davis	26	19
D		26 Van De Putte	24	25
D		21 Zaffirini	21	26
D		14 Watson	17	16
D		6 Garcia	14	R
D		29 Rodriguez	14	12

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R		2 Flynn	87	88
R		3 Bell	70	R
R		4 Gooden	82	77
R		5 Hughes	78	84
R		6 Schaefer	95	R
R		7 Simpson	88	90
R		8 Cook	44	69
R		9 Paddie	62	R
R		10 Pitts	38	68
R		11 Clardy	59	R
R		12 Kacal	47	R
R		13 Kolkhorst	66	73
R		14 Raney	47	R
R		15 Toth	95	R
R		16 Creighton	80	82
R		17 Kleinschmidt	69	74
R		18 Otto	41	68
R		19 White	80	81
R		20 Farney	53	R
R		21 Ritter	44	41
D		22 Deshotel	22	22
D		23 Eiland	20	25
R		24 Bonnen, G.	82	R
R		25 Bonnen, D.	66	77
R		26 Miller, R.	65	R
D		27 Reynolds	10	15
R		28 Zerwas	40	59
R		29 Thompson, E.	73	R
R		30 Morrison	63	70
D		31 Guillen	30	35
R		32 Hunter	59	55
R		33 Turner, E.S.	90	R
D		34 Herrero	27	19
D		35 Longoria	16	R
D		36 Munoz	22	25
D		37 Oliveira	10	19
D		38 Lucio	10	16
D		39 Martinez	18	15
D		40 Canales	12	R
D		41 Guerra	13	R
D		42 Raymond	22	26
R		43 Lozano	36	37
R		44 Kuempel	55	61
R		45 Isaac	72	73

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R		47 Workman	58	67
D		48 Howard	13	12
D		49 Naishtat	8	10
D		50 Strama	13	18
D		51 Rodriguez, E.	12	14
R		52 Gonzales	66	65
R		53 Hilderbran	72	82
R		54 Aycock	53	72
R		55 Sheffield, R.	68	75
R		56 Anderson	75	81
R		57 Ashby	59	R
R		58 Orr	58	78
R		59 Sheffield, J.	37	R
R		60 Keffer	49	71
R		61 King, P.	86	79
R		62 Phillips	75	85
R		63 Parker	73	85
R		64 Crownover	55	75
R		65 Simmons	82	R
R		66 Taylor	92	86
R		67 Leach	83	R
R		68 Springer	88	R
R		69 Frank	80	R
R		70 Sanford	83	R
R		71 King, S.	52	61
R		72 Darby	52	66
R		73 Miller, D.	53	64
D		74 Nevárez	14	R
D		75 González, M.	10	R
D		76 Gonzalez, N.	17	17
D		77 Marquez	13	15
D		78 Moody	15	R
D		79 Pickett	28	26
D		80 King, T.	27	35
R		81 Lewis	60	68
R		82 Craddick	67	86
R		83 Perry	78	79
R		84 Frullo	63	68
R		85 Stephenson	55	R
R		86 Smithee	74	82
R		87 Price	50	60
R		88 King, K.	50	R
R		89 Laubenberg	91	91
D		90 Burnam	14	11
R		91 Klick	88	R

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R		92 Stickland	97	R
R		93 Krause	95	R
R		94 Patrick	40	57
D		95 Collier	12	R
R		96 Zedler	90	86
R		97 Goldman	92	R
R		98 Capriglione	92	R
R		99 Geren	43	56
D		100 Johnson	19	22
D		101 Turner, C.	8	R
R		102 Carter	83	78
D		103 Anchia	7	13
D		104 Alonzo	8	10
R		105 Harper-Brown	64	80
R		106 Fallon	92	R
R		107 Sheets	69	70
R		108 Branch	68	72
D		109 Giddings	12	16
D		110 Rose	13	R
D		111 Davis, Y.	12	11
R		112 Button	71	70
R		113 Burkett	73	74
R		114 Villalba	58	R
R		115 Ratliff	52	R
D		116 Martinez Fischer	14	24
D		117 Cortez	13	R
D		118 Farias	12	18
D		119 Gutierrez	17	16
D		120 McClendon	20	14
R		121 Straus	SP	67
R		122 Larson	53	62
D		123 Villarreal	15	15
D		124 Menendez	17	24
D		125 Rodriguez, J.	7	R
R		126 Harless	53	67
R		127 Huberty	58	65
R		128 Smith	45	74
R		129 Davis, J.	40	75
R		130 Fletcher	78	83
D		131 Allen	18	14
R		132 Callegari	42	72
R		133 Murphy	57	69
R		134 Davis, S.	44	61
R		135 Elkins	65	81
R		136 Dale	73	R
D		137 Wu	8	R

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D		140 Walle	15	14
D		141 Thompson, S.	15	14
D		142 Dutton	16	14
D		143 Hernandez Luna	11	9
D		144 Perez	15	R
D		145 Alvarado	14	12
D		146 Miles	9	16
D		147 Coleman	12	11
D		148 Farrar	12	9
D		149 Vo	18	26
R		150 Riddle	54	81

Senate				
R		1 Eltife	52	56
R		2 Deuell	55	56
R		3 Nichols	64	64
R		4 Williams	57	68
R		5 Schwertner	62	R
D		6 Garcia	14	R
R		7 Patrick	79	84
R		8 Paxton	93	R
R		9 Hancock	76	R
D		10 Davis	26	19
R		11 Taylor	67	R
R		12 Nelson	79	88
D		13 Ellis	31	15
D		14 Watson	17	16
D		15 Whitmire	41	27
R		16 Carona	55	61
R		17 Huffman	74	69
R		18 Hegar	71	61
D		19 Uresti	31	17
D		20 Hinojosa	36	25
D		21 Zaffirini	21	26
R		22 Birdwell	85	90
D		23 West	28	25
R		24 Fraser	76	80
R		25 Campbell	81	R
D		26 Van De Putte	24	25
D		27 Lucio	33	36
R		28 Duncan	55	54
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1. HB 1600 Floor Amendment 8

Adoption; March 20, 2013; RV #77; Journal Page 883: 60 Yeas, 86 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 8 to HB 1600 would have removed a provision in the bill that gave the Public Utilities Commission unilateral powers to issue an emergency cease and desist order without going to district court. The ability to issue these orders nearly completely removes the opportunity for a company to have their side heard in court.

2. HB 1600 Third Reading Amendment 1

Adoption; March 21, 2013; RV #90; Journal Page 934: 62 Yeas, 55 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 1 to HB 1600 on third reading would have required legislative approval before the Public Utilities Commission could take an action resulting in an increase in a customer's surcharge on their monthly bill. While we discourage raising taxes and fees, if they are to be raised, it should be done through the democratically elected legislature, not through an appointed regulatory agency.

3. HB 4 Floor Amendment 8

Motion to Table; March 27, 2013; RV #121; Journal Page 1142: 129 Yeas, 15 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 8 to HB 4 would have prevented the State Water Implementation Fund of Texas (SWIFT) from receiving or containing dollars from the Economic Stabilization Fund, commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund." The Rainy Day Fund should be used for one-time expenditures, not for long-term recurring investments in water infrastructure across the state.

4. SB 1 Floor Amendment 2

Adoption; April 4, 2013; RV #145; Journal Page 1234: 113 Yeas, 34 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 2 to the budget removes oversight authority from the University of Texas Board of Regents. Removal of this authority makes the University of Texas less accountable and thus less likely to be responsible with taxpayer and tuition dollars.

5. SB 1 Floor Amendment 51

Adoption; April 4, 2013; RV #161; Journal Page 1272: 86 Yeas, 57 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 51 to the budget would have expanded Medicaid in the State of Texas, a move that would accelerate the government takeover of healthcare and cost Texans dearly for years to come. This amendment initially passed unnoticed with just 57 Representatives registering a no vote, and had a motion to reconsider not been made, the Texas legislature may have expanded Medicaid this session.

6. SB 1 Floor Amendment 95

Adoption; April 4, 2013; RV #169; Journal Page 1306: 103 Yeas, 43 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 95 to the budget prevented the legislature from funding school choice or vouchers through appropriations during the 2014-15 budget cycle. YCT supports a public/non-public scholarship program that allows for universal school choice as an option for parents. School choice is good for Texas students, and the legislature failed them in passing this amendment.

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7. SB 1 Floor Amendment 118

Motion to Table; April 4, 2013; RV #174; Journal Page 1328: 97 Yeas, 46 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 118 to the budget would have taken \$1.4 million appropriated towards bingo compliance operations and given it to volunteer fire departments around the State of Texas. It is much more the role of government to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Texas than to police bingo halls. With 78% of firefighters in the state working as unpaid volunteers, Texans get a good return when we invest in them.

8. HB 86

Passage; April 10, 2013; RV #193; Journal Page 1484: 129 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 86 requires the sunset commission to consider if an occupational license serves a public interest. YCT supports giving the legislature the tools it needs to eliminate unnecessary licenses and create more freedom in the private sector.

9. HB 994 Floor Amendment 1

Adoption; April 16, 2013; RV #214; Journal Page 1570: 31 Yeas, 113 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 1 to HB 994 would have made the bill less effective by limiting the legislation from nuclear plants on which construction begins by 2033 to those that begin by 2020. The effect of this amendment would be to limit the plants that can be built in Texas before the legislature is forced to act again. YCT supports the effort to provide good policy for Texas' future energy needs, and this amendment would have weakened the bill's ability to do so.

10. HB 63 Floor Amendment 11

Adoption; April 17, 2013; RV #229; Journal Page 1614: 69 Yeas, 74 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 11 to HB 63 would have required law enforcement to have probable cause before pulling someone over for texting while driving. Most Texans drive with cell phones in their cars, and their Constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, including the right against unwarranted searches and seizures without probable cause, should not be dismissed by the Legislature when there are many other laws that are available for policemen in order to stop dangerous drivers.

11. HB 63

Passage to Engrossment; April 17, 2013; RV #230; Journal Page 1617: 98 Yeas, 47 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 63 would have put into statute a poorly conceived ban on texting while driving, increasing the size and scope of government, posing numerous civil liberty concerns, and putting into statute law that could not rationally be enforced by law enforcement officers. With close to 200 unique laws in place to restrict distracted driving, this bill would have acted only as feel-good legislation and have had disastrous secondary effects.

12. HB 788 Floor Amendment 2

Adoption; April 18, 2013; RV #240; Journal Page 1671: 50 Yeas, 91 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 2 to HB 788 would have left references to climate change and global warming in statute. As bunk science is often used as justification for increasing environmental regulations, striking this provision from statute serves a positive function in the bill.

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13. HB 1717 Floor Amendment 1

Motion to Table; April 22, 2013; RV #258; Journal Page 1717: 109 Yeas, 33 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 1 to HB 1717 would have deregulated the practice of interior design. As this occupation hardly poses a threat to public safety, government should not legislate barriers for entry into the field and should leave regulation up to the free market.

14. HB 502

Passage to Engrossment; April 23, 2013; RV #276; Journal Page 1757: 110 Yeas, 37 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 502 would have made teeth whitening a practice exclusive to dentists, destroying overnight thousands of small businesses around the state. Fortunately, the Senate did not pass the bill.

15. HB 2197

Motion to Reconsider; April 23, 2013; RV #282; Journal Page 1768: 107 Yeas, 41 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Reconsideration of HB 2197 was a result of House leadership's decision to muscle together enough votes to bring back the measure and keep the lottery going. Initially, representatives from all sides of the issue joined together and voted to put an end to the lottery in the State of Texas.

16. HB 950

Passage to Engrossment; April 24, 2013; RV #300; Journal Page 1817: 70 Yeas, 65 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 950, the Texas "Lilly-Ledbetter Fair Pay Act," passed under the guise of increasing fairness for women in the workplace. The bill, however, was hardly more than a trial lawyer's wish list, expanding the ability for employees to file frivolous lawsuits against their employers. Governor Perry wisely vetoed the bill following the session.

17. HB 148

Passage; April 26, 2013; RV #347; Journal Page 1926: 93 Yeas, 48 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 148 will protect election integrity by creating an offense for ballot harvesting and related offenses. YCT supports efforts of the legislature to ensure that all legitimate votes count by preventing voter fraud and intimidation.

18. HB 1025

Passage; April 26, 2013; RV #357; Journal Page 1965: 128 Yeas, 10 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1025 increases appropriations by \$874.9 million, including \$500 million for public education. Education has a structural problem, not a funding problem. The state should look toward systemic solutions like school choice rather than continuing to pump additional dollars into a broken system.

19. HB 800 Floor Amendment 2

Adoption; May 1, 2013; RV #433; Journal Page 2142: 47 Yeas, 96 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 2 to HB 800 would add a sunset provision in six years to the tax exemption established in the economic development bill meant to attract research and development interest and jobs to Texas. When the government offers a tax exemption for businesses to create jobs and removes them a few years later, it creates uncertainty for businesses, stifling innovation and job growth.

20. HB 3238

Passage to Engrossment; May 2, 2013; RV #470; Journal Page 2266: 58 Yeas, 71 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 3238 would have created a pilot program for needle exchanges in the State of Texas on the backs of taxpayers. The legislature should not incentivize individuals to use illegal drugs by distributing materials that facilitate their use.

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21. HB 852

Passage; May 4, 2013; RV #508; Journal Page 2370: 87 Yeas, 42 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 852 makes the possession of shark fins illegal in the State of Texas. Shark finning is already illegal on a federal level; this bill will simply make criminals out of innocent fishermen.

22. HB 2782

Passage; May 4, 2013; RV #521; Journal Page 2385: 102 Yeas, 26 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2782 would allow for the Texas Department of Insurance to prevent insurance companies from setting rates they do not approve of. YCT opposes this measure as it is not the role of government to get involved in the individual healthcare decisions of private citizens.

23. HB 2062

Passage; May 4, 2013; RV #528; Journal Page 2392: 104 Yeas, 28 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2062 regulates the practice of “rainwater harvesting,” making it a practice that can only be conducted by plumbers. This regulation increases government and will cause law-abiding citizens to become law-breakers incidentally by collecting rainwater on their own property for their personal use.

24. HB 2615

Passage; May 4, 2013; RV #535; Journal Page 2400: 94 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Due to HB 2615 fines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain offenses will increase exponentially. The current fine is set at \$25 per day, with a total penalty not to exceed \$150. If the House version of this bill was left unamended by the Senate, the commission could have fined up to \$1,000 per day up to \$15,000.

25. HB 485 Floor Amendment 1

Motion to Table; May 4, 2013; RV #548; Journal Page 2435: 33 Yeas, 96 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 1 to HB 485 would allow for members of the Texas State Guard to pay a reduced fee for a concealed handgun license. This is a common sense measure that would reduce the fee for a specific group of people who are already trained in the use of firearms and in safety measures.

26. HB 972

Passage; May 6, 2013; RV #574; Journal Page 2501: 102 Yeas, 41 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 972 would have allowed citizens with concealed handgun licenses to carry on public college campuses. The version of the bill that made it out of the House Committee was watered down, but it was a step in the right direction. YCT’s number one legislative priority is concealed carry on campus, as it directly affects the ability of our members to protect themselves. Unfortunately, this bill failed to pass the Senate chamber.

27. HB 3536

Passage to Engrossment; May 6, 2013; RV #577; Journal Page 2522: 85 Yeas, 53 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 3536 increases taxes on cigarette companies that were not part of the big tobacco lawsuit in the 1990’s. While proponents of the bill claimed this legislation would “level the playing field,” in reality this bill forces a penalty on companies that did not commit an offense.

28. HB 500

Passage; May 8, 2013; RV #675; Journal Page 2774: 117 Yeas, 24 Nays, 7 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 500 makes permanent the \$1 million tax-exemption for small businesses and offers \$700 million in business tax relief. In addition, it cuts back the tax rate of the franchise tax. YCT supports efforts of the legislature

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to incentivize business and job growth in Texas through a smaller tax burden on job creators.

29. HB 887

Passage; May 8, 2013; RV #678; Journal Page 2776: 91 Yeas, 53 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 887 creates a pilot program to test the viability of requiring concussion insurance for all students that play football in public schools. This is just one more example of the government getting between consumers and insurance providers to regulate the coverage people buy. The program will likely cost the state money, as students that cannot afford this insurance would have to be covered.

30. HJR 138

Passage to Engrossment; May 8, 2013; RV #682; Journal Page 2781: 69 Yeas, 68 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HJR 138 would have given counties the option to change the percentage of homestead tax-exemption to a specified dollar amount. Proponents of the bill suggest that this will give counties the flexibility to provide more tax-exemptions. In reality, this would just reduce the exemption amount disproportionately for wealthier people.

31. HB 75

Passage to Engrossment; May 8, 2013; RV #685; Journal Page 2817: 33 Yeas, 97 Nays, 4 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 75 would have required security alarm installers to be registered by a commission. This is the government picking winners and losers and creating less choice for consumers that may want a lower-cost option for home security.

32. HB 2038

Passage; May 8, 2013; RV #689; Journal Page 2831: 73 Yeas, 60 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2038 appropriates \$1.5 Million of taxpayer dollars to expand the "Center for Elimination of Dispro-

portionality and Disparities." The legislature should avoid misguided attempts at creating social change by throwing money in the direction of a center with a feel-good name.

33. SB 376

Passage; May 9, 2013; RV #693; Journal Page 2851: 73 Yeas, 58 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 376 requires public schools with 80%+ students that qualify for of free or reduced-price breakfast to offer a free breakfast to all students. While proponents claim this is cost neutral for the state, as it can be achieved through federal grants, at the end-of-the-day costs will still end up on taxpayers. This measure further supplants parents as those responsible for the care of children and inserts the state into a relationship in which it does not belong. The problem of child hunger is a social one and a reflection of dysfunctional parenting. The solution is not more government. The solution is to hold parents responsible for the care of their children and to empower the community and charitable organizations to ensure that neglected children do not go hungry.

34. HB 912

Passage; May 10, 2013; RV #763; Journal Page 3045: 128 Yeas, 11 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 912 protects the privacy rights of Texans by regulating the use of drones to prevent abuse and spying. While there are many legitimate uses for drone technology, spying on law-abiding citizens is not one of them.

35. HB 217

Passage; May 10, 2013; RV #767; Journal Page 3048: 95 Yeas, 44 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 217 would prohibit the sale of "sugary beverages" in public schools. YCT opposes limiting food choices for students, as a child's dietary habits should be a decision for the child and their parents. Because this goes against our principles of personal liberty and free markets, we noted our opposition to this type of legisla-

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tion on our legislative agenda. As such, YCT supports Governor Perry's veto of this bill.

36. HB 2753

Passage; May 10, 2013; RV #790; Journal Page 3072: 62 Yeas, 73 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2753 requires Texas medical schools to each transfer \$2.5 million into an "Excellence Fund". Schools are then appropriated a share of the money back based on how they perform on a point system developed by the bill. Picking winners and losers is not the role of government; this bill does just that by redistributing wealth between medical schools.

37. SB 346 Floor Amendment 2

Motion to Table; May 13, 2013; RV #808; Journal Page 3112: 89 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 2 to SB 346 would have struck provisions out of the bill that give labor unions preferential treatment. Organized labor should not be exempt from complicated reporting requirements and disclosure obligations if conservative groups and non-profit organizations are not as well.

38. SB 346

Passage to Engrossment; May 13, 2013; RV #811; Journal Page 3115: 99 Yeas, 46 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 346 requires non-profits engaging in political speech to disclose the names of all of their donors. Under the guise of a transparency bill, this legislation sought to discourage individuals from getting involved politically by putting them in a position where they may be intimidated or bullied by their political foes. The bill also established separate, possibly unconstitutional, reporting requirements for certain corporations, while including exemptions for labor unions.

39. SB 329

Passage; May 14, 2013; RV #818; Journal Page 3214: 94 Yeas, 48 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Until September 1, 2013 minors over 16 could use tanning beds as long as they received parental consent, but under SB 329, minors are prohibited from using them until they turn 18. YCT opposes nanny-state regulations that take choices away from parents and place them in the hands of legislators.

40. SB 566

Passage; May 14, 2013; RV #819; Journal Page 3215: 120 Yeas, 25 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 566 allows the University of Texas at Tyler to establish a pharmacy school, despite the fact that we currently have more people graduating with pharmacy degrees than we have residency spots for. While this bill does not appropriate state funding, it is almost inevitable that they will receive appropriations Sessions down the road.

41. SB 215 Floor Amendment 31

Adoption; May 15, 2013; RV #844; Journal Page 3347: 78 Yeas, 67 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 31 to SB 215 protects individual and religious liberty by prohibiting universities from requiring a student organization to give membership to students that oppose the organization's stated beliefs or seek to undermine the organization's purpose.

42. SJR 13

Adoption; May 15, 2013; RV #845; Journal Page 3349: 61 Yeas, 80 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SJR 13 would have set term limits for statewide officers at two four-year terms. It is hypocritical for an elected body to limit the terms of other elected officials without also limiting their own terms of office, particularly when that body has many members who have been reelected for decades.

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43. SB 1156

Passage to Engrossment; May 16, 2013; RV #875; Journal Page 3436: 48 Yeas, 81 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 1156 would have prohibited individuals from using tires or scrap tires for a land reclamation project, even for personal use on their own property, without first gaining permission from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality). The legislature should be wary of passing “environmental” bills that simply impede on private property rights.

44. SB 1729 Floor Amendment 1

Adoption; May 20, 2013; RV #971; Journal Page 3767: 72 Yeas, 67 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 1 to SB 1729 would have allowed for illegal immigrants to receive driver’s licenses. The Texas legislature should not create new programs to incentivize illegal immigration. Illegal immigration is a serious problem and must be addressed. One of the first steps in tackling this serious problem is eliminating misguided local policies that perpetuate it.

45. SB 219 Floor Amendment 2

Adoption; May 20, 2013; RV #991; Journal Page 3795: 90 Yeas, 51 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 2 to SB 219 required members of the Railroad Commission (RRC) to resign to run for a different office; this is not required for any other office. While it is a worthy concern that politicians could use the position of Railroad Commissioner as a launching pad for higher office to the detriment of the commission, it is hypocritical for the legislature to put limits on the RRC that they do not have to meet themselves and have not placed on other state officials. Governor Perry wisely vetoed SB 219.

46. SB 219 Floor Amendment 27

Motion to Table; May 20, 2013; RV #994; Journal Page 3816: 75 Yeas, 69 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 27 to SB 219 would have moved the state’s Public Integrity Unit from the office of the Travis County DA to the Office of the Attorney General. Even putting aside the controversy surrounding DA Rosemary Lehmborg, it makes much more sense for elected officials to be investigated by a statewide office than by people who are elected in a particular county.

47. SB 7 Floor Amendment 26

Adoption; May 20, 2013; RV #998; Journal Page 3867: 87 Yeas, 57 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT: Yea. Amendment to SB 7 requires that any decisions relating to Medicaid expansion be discussed by the democratically elected legislature and not simply decided by the agency. Medicaid expansion would cause massive long-term debt in the State of Texas, so these decisions should be made by legislators, not administrators who cannot be held accountable to the people.

48. SB 16

Passage; May 21, 2013; RV #1003; Journal Page 3924: 121 Yeas, 26 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 16 would have authorized tuition revenue bonds. Tuition Revenue bonds allow for universities to go into debt to facilitate campus growth, backed by the tuition of future students. This practice has contributed to the ever-increasing cost of higher education, and as such YCT opposes this bill and practice.

49. SB 1406

Passage; May 21, 2013; RV #1007; Journal Page 3928: 109 Yeas, 38 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. CSCOPE is a curriculum support system that is widely used in school districts across the State of Texas.

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Grassroots conservatives and concerned parents across the state made CSCOPE one of their top concerns during the 83rd Legislative Session. SB 1406 places CSCOPE under the oversight of the State Board of Education, to ensure that the curriculum and lesson plans taught to our students are held to a higher standard.

50. SB 21

Passage to Engrossment; May 21, 2013; RV #1054; Journal Page 4048: 98 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 21 adds a drug-testing eligibility requirement for applicants to receive unemployment benefits. Unemployment was put in place as a safety net to help get productive members of society back on their feet while they search for employment. Because many employers test for drug usage and the use of these substances cost money, it does not make sense for someone needing assistance while they actively searching for a job to be doing drugs. While not all applicants will be tested, hopefully this will act as deterrent and prevent undeserving applicants from applying.

51. HB 1025

Motion to Instruct Conferees; May 24, 2013; RV #1203; Journal Page 4640: 25 Yeas, 120 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This motion would have instructed conferees to maintain 7% of general revenue in the Rainy Day Fund. This would have both preserved the Rainy Day Fund and put a check on the amount of money spent on passage of this legislation.

52. HB 1025

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 26, 2013; RV #1334; Journal Page 5113: 110 Yeas, 29 Nays, 0 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. By the time HB 1025 had made it through the legislative process and came up for this final vote, it included a close to \$4 billion dollar withdrawal from the Rainy Day Fund. We opposed this bill in its initial forms because we believe that state spending had already increased too much; throwing in more money from the Rainy Day Fund only serves to make the bill worse.

53. SB 1

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 26, 2013; RV #1336; Journal Page 5126: 118 Yeas, 29 Nays, 0 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. When combined with the supplemental appropriations bills SB 1, the budget, increases state spending by 26%. In 2011, lawmakers came into the process knowing there was a shortfall, made tough decisions and produced a sensible budget that funded our state's pressing obligations. Unfortunately, this Session, lawmakers were not as fiscally conservative with our state budget.

54. HR 3009

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 26, 2013; RV #1340; Journal Page 5163: 38 Yeas, 103 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. While YCT supports the meat of the legislation in HB 508, it was amended in the Senate to give elected officials the ability to carry a concealed handgun virtually everywhere. While we would support this measure if it included the general public, elected officials should live under the laws they write and not be afforded special privileges.

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55. SB 8

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 26, 2013; RV #1352; Journal Page 5254: 105 Yeas, 38 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 8 seeks to deal with Medicaid fraud in the State of Texas. Medicaid fraud puts huge costs on Texas taxpayers year after year, and YCT supports any measures to reduce wasteful spending within this program.

56. HB 500

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 26, 2013; RV #1373; Journal Page 5379: 131 Yeas, 14 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 500 was one of the only tax-relief bills to pass the legislature this Session. It offers \$700 million in business tax relief and makes permanent the \$1 million small business tax exemption.

57. SB 5 Floor Amendment 3 (First Special Session)

Motion to Table; June 23, 2013; RV #33; Journal Page 1089: 92 Yeas, 50 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 3 to SB 5 would have struck the word “substantial” in an attempt to make the evidence supporting prohibiting abortions past 20 weeks less credible.

58. SB 5 (First Special Session)

Passage to Engrossment; June 23, 2013; RV #45; Journal Page 1102: 97 Yeas, 33 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 5 would have protected the lives of the unborn, while increasing the health and safety standards at clinics for women seeking abortions.

59. HB 2 (Second Special Session)

Amendment 12

Motion to Table; July 9, 2013; RV #12; Journal Page 26: 93 Yeas, 45 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 12 to HB 2 would have permitted minors to receive abortions if they verified that they did not receive “effective instruction relating to human sexuality” in school. The legislature should not go down this road, injecting a policy argument about what should be taught in public schools into a bill about protecting the health and safety of Texas women and of the unborn.

60. HB 2 (Second Special Session)

Passage to Engrossment; July 9, 2013; RV #26; Journal Page 48: 98 Yeas, 49 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 2 is the omnibus pro-life bill from the First Special Session. This bill will reduce abortions and improve health and safety standards through four measures: 1) Prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks 2) Requiring abortion clinics to increase their level of care to that of an ambulatory service center 3) Requiring doctors to have admitting privileges within 30 miles 4) Requiring doctors to administer abortion-inducing drugs on site.

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			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D		118 Farias	-	+	-	-	-	-	AE	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	19	-7	18
			-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE				
R		20 Farney	-	AU	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	AE	-	+	+	AU	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AU	53	R	R	R
			+	AU	AE	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	AU	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D		148 Farrar	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	AU	-	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	21	-9	9
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-				
R		130 Fletcher	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78	80	-2	83
			-	+	+	-	-	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		2 Flynn	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	87	92	-5	88
			-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		69 Frank	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	R	R	R
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		84 Frullo	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	AE	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	63	74	-11	68
			+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		99 Geren	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	AE	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	43	73	-30	56
			-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	AE	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D		109 Giddings	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	12	24	-12	16									
			AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
R		97 Goldman	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	R	R	R
			AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				

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R	52	Gonzales	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	66	64	2	65	
			+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	75	González, M.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	R	R	R	
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
D	76	Gonzalez, N.	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	17	18	-1	17	
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AE	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-					
R	4	Gooden	+	+	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	+	+	-	+	AE	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	71	11	77		
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	41	Guerra	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	13	R	R	R	
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-				
D	31	Guillen	-	AU	-	-	-	+	-	+	AE	AE	AE	+	-	-	-	+	AE	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	AU	+	-	-	30	45	-15	35		
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+					
D	119	Gutierrez	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	17	16	1	16	
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-					
R	126	Harless	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	53	64	-11	67		
			+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	105	Harper-Brown	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	CH	-	AU	CH	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	CH	+	+	+	-	+	64	67	-3	80	
			+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	AU	AU	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	CH	+	+	CH	+	+	+					
D	143	Hernandez Lu- na	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	AU	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	11	15	-4	9	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-					
D	34	Herrero	-	AU	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	27	19 ^A	8	19	
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+				

^A Rep. Herrero's Last Session Score is from the 81st Session.

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R	53	Hilderbran	+	AE	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	72	75	-3	82	
			+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	AE	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	48	Howard	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	13	9	4	12		
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-					
R	127	Huberty	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	58	73	-15	65	
			+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	5	Hughes	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	AU	AU	AU	+	+	+	-	+	78	89	-11	84	
			AU	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	32	Hunter	+	AU	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	AE	AU	+	-	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	59	69	-10	55	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	45	Isaac	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	72	75	-3	73	
			+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	100	Johnson	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	19	25	-6	22	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	AE	AE	-	-				
R	12	Kacal	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	47	R	R	R	
			+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	60	Keffer	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	AU	AU	AU	AU	AE	+	-	+	+	+	49	72	-23	71
			-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	88	King, K.	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	R	R	R	
			+	AU	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	AU	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	61	King, P.	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	AE	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	82	4	79
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	71	King, S.	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	52	63	-11	61	
			AU	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	AE	AE	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					

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D	80	King, T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	27	46	-19	35	
			-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	AU	-	+	-	AE	+	-					
R	17	Kleinschmidt	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	AU	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	69	71	-2	74	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	91	Klick	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	88	R	R	R		
			AU	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R	13	Kolkhorst	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	66	73	-7	73	
			AU	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	CH	+					
R	93	Krause	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	44	Kuempel	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	AE	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	55	67	-12	61	
			+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	CH	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	122	Larson	-	AU	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	AU	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	53	71	-18	62	
			+	AU	AE	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	89	Laubenberg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91	84	7	91
			+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	1	Lavender	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AU	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	68	79	-11	73	
			-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	67	Leach	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	R	R	R
			+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	81	Lewis	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	60	64	-4	68
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	NV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	35	Longoria	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	R	R	R	
			+	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

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R	43	Lozano	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	CH	-	+	-	-	36	39	-3	37		
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+							
D	38	Lucio	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	+	-	-	10	21	-11	16		
			+	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-						
D	77	Marquez	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CH	-	-	-	-	+	-	CH	+	-	-	13	17	-4	15	
			+	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	AE	AE	-	-					
D	39	Martinez	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	-	+	-	-	18	36	-18	15	
			+	-	AE	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	AU	+						
D	116	Martinez Fischer	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	14	17	-3	24	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-					
D	120	McClendon	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	AU	-	AU	20	18	2	14
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-					
D	124	Menendez	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	17	32	-15	24	
			AU	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	+	-	-	-	-					
D	146	Miles	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	23	-14	16	
			+	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
R	73	Miller, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	AE	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	53	67	-14	64		
			-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	AU	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R	26	Miller, R.	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	65	R	R	R	
			-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	78	Moody	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	15	R	R	R	
			AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-					
R	30	Morrison	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	63	68	-5	70	
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D	36	Munoz	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	22	27	-5	25
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	+	-	+	-	+					
R	133	Murphy	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	57	70	-13	69	
			-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	49	Naishtat	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	14	-6	10	
			AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-					
D	74	Nevárez	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	R	R	R	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
D	37	Oliveira	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	22	-12	19	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	AE	AE	-				
R	58	Orr	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	58	80	-22	78
			+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	AE	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	18	Otto	+	AU	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	+	AE	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	41	71	-30	68
			AU	-	-	+	-	+	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	9	Paddie	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	62	R	R	R
			+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	63	Parker	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	73	80	-7	85
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	94	Patrick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	40	63	-23	57
			+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	144	Perez	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	R	R	R	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	AU	-	-				
R	83	Perry	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78	80	-2	79
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+				

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R	62	Phillips	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	82	-7	85
			+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	79	Pickett	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	28	46	-18	26	
			-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	10	Pitts	-	AU	-	-	-	-	AE	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	AE	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	AU	38	62	-24	68		
			+	AU	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	AU	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	87	Price	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	50	70	-20	60	
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	14	Raney	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	+	+	-	+	AU	+	47	R	R	R		
			+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	115	Ratliff	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	52	R	R	R		
			+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	AU	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	42	Raymond	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	22	32	-10	26	
			-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
D	27	Reynolds	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	-	10	20	-10	15		
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-					
R	150	Riddle	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	AE	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	54	79	-25	81	
			-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	AU	AU	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	21	Ritter	-	-	-	CH	-	+	CH	CH	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	44	57	-13	41	
			+	AU	-	+	-	AE	AU	AU	-	-	+	-	AE	+	-	CH	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	51	Rodriguez, E.	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	-1	14	
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	AE	-	-				
D	125	Rodriguez, J.	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	R	R	R	
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D	110	Rose	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	R	R	R
			+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-						
R	70	Sanford	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83	R	R	R	
			+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	6	Schaefer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	107	Sheets	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	69	70	-1	70	
			+	+	AE	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	59	Sheffield, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	AU	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	37	R	R	R		
			+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+					
R	55	Sheffield, R.	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	68	71	-3	75		
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	65	Simmons	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	R	R	R		
			AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	7	Simpson	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	91	-3	90		
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	128	Smith	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	45	66	-21	74		
			+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	86	Smithee	+	AE	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	AE	AE	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	74	67	7	82	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	68	Springer	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	R	R	R		
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	85	Stephenson	+	AU	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	55	R	R	R		
			-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					

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R	92	Stickland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	97	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
D	50	Strama	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	NV	-	-	13 ^B	16	-3	18		
			AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	AE	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	AE	AE						
R	121	Straus	SP	SP	SP	SP	67																														
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R	66	Taylor	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	80	12	86		
			+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R	29	Thompson, E.	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	73	R	R	R	
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D	141	Thompson, S.	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15	13	2	14	
			AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-						
R	15	Toth	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	R	R	R		
			AU	+	CH	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+						
D	101	Turner, C.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8	R	R	R		
			+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-						
R	33	Turner, E.S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	R	R	R		
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1. SB 614

Passage to Engrossment; April 3, 2013; Journal Page 684: 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT: Nay. SB 614 would have required utility companies to charge consumers \$0.50 per billing cycle to be deposited into a fund to assist owners of certain historic structures with their electric bill payments and to “promote energy conservation and efficiency.” The legislature should not impose new fees on electricity consumers in order to fund pet projects.

2. SB 149 Floor Amendment 4

Motion to Table; April 3, 2013; Journal Page 689: 20 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 4 to SB 149 mandates more money for CPRIT, a cancer study organization that has been embroiled in scandals and wasted taxpayer dollars. While YCT respects the importance of cancer research, it does not constitute an essential function of government. We believe such research is most effective when led by the market and charitable organizations.

3. SB 121

Passage to Engrossment; April 8, 2013; Journal Page 740: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: Nay. SB 121 would have ensured protection for whistle-blowers who in good faith report a violation of the law in El Paso’s school districts. The bill also required posting bilingual English and Spanish signs stating the new law. YCT asks – why do employees of a Texas school district need bilingual signs? At best this is an unfunded waste of school district resources, and at worst it implies that, though English is taught in Texas public schools, many school district employees do not speak the language.

4. SB 617

Passage; April 8, 2013; Journal Page 750: 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT: Nay. SB 617 would have prohibited an individual from performing or offering to perform an energy efficiency evaluation, providing an energy efficiency report, or providing a recommendation regarding HVAC system design on covered premises, defined in the bill as a new home, existing home, or light commercial building, unless the individual is licensed with the state. YCT opposes the requirement and creation of further licensing and regulation.

5. SB 449

Passage; April 9, 2013; Journal Page 763: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT: Yea. SB 449 would have prohibited the issuance of certain capital appreciation bonds by local governments. These bonds are used by local governments to put off paying their debts, sometimes for decades. Compounding interest means that taxpayers are responsible for millions of dollars more than the amount of the original bond, sometimes years after the improvement paid for by the bond has gone out of use.

6. SB 15

Passage; April 11, 2013; Journal Page 842: 29 Yeas, 2 Nays

YCT: Nay. SB 15 would, if not vetoed by the Governor, have taken away oversight authority of the University of Texas Board of Regents. Taking away the regents’ authority would have been a step in the wrong direction; removal of this authority makes the University of Texas less accountable and thus less likely to be responsible with taxpayer and tuition dollars.

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7. SB 1857

Passage; April 15, 2013; Journal Page 906: 29 Yeas, 1 Nay

YCT: Yea. SB 1857 creates a school safety certification for concealed handgun license instructors to train school personnel in basic defensive tactics. This is a common sense measure that could save the lives of Texas school children in the case of a nightmare scenario.

8. SB 1340

Passage to Engrossment; April 16, 2013; Journal Page 917: 20 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1340 would have extended temporary gambling licenses for racetracks from two to six years. YCT opposes expanding gambling because doing so would create a new stakeholder in government. The relationship between gambling entities and the government is dangerous to our society. Furthermore, gambling is justified by proponents as a way to “increase revenue.” YCT believes that government should live within its means, not seek out new forms of revenue to pay for unnecessary services.

9. SB 346

Passage; April 16, 2013; Journal Page 923: 23 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 346 requires non-profits engaging in political speech to disclose the names of all of their donors. Under the guise of a transparency bill, this legislation sought to discourage individuals from getting involved politically by putting them in a position where they may be intimidated or bullied by their political foes. The bill also established separate, possibly unconstitutional, reporting requirements for certain corporations, while including exemptions for labor unions.

10. SB 1390

Passage; April 16, 2013; Journal Page 929: 26 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 1390 requires the state auditor to do an audit of the Texas Enterprise Fund. YCT supports fiscal re-

sponsibility within state government, particularly in this case, where the fund has never, in ten years, been audited to ensure efficiency, effectiveness, or accountability of the use of state dollars.

11. SB 329

Passage; April 17, 2013; Journal Page 954: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Nay. Until September 1, 2013 minors over 16 could use tanning beds as long as they received parental consent, but under SB 329, minors are prohibited from using them until they turn 18. YCT opposes nanny-state regulations that take choices away from parents and place them in the hands of legislators.

12. SB 17

Passage; April 17, 2013; Journal Page 960: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 17 would have allowed for two employees, who are authorized to carry a concealed firearm in a school that does not have security personnel, to take a school safety training course free of charge. YCT supports training of school district employees in firearm safety in order to provide protection of students.

13. SCR 33

Adoption; April 17, 2013; Journal Page 963: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. SCR 33 asked the House to return anti-conservative “transparency” bill SB 346 to the Senate. Senators who originally voted for the bill because of its guise of creating transparency attempted to use the only procedural option available to them to stop this bad bill.

14. SB 467

Passage; April 18, 2013; Journal Page 1003: 24 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 467 would have required the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to draft an impact

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analysis describing the anticipated effects of each proposed environmental rule to expand application of the statute and ensure that the requirement was observed. This would provide a needed accounting of the impact of environmental rules on Texas' oil and gas industry.

15. SB 1247 Floor Amendment 12

Adoption; April 22, 2013; Journal Page 1107: 17 Yeas, 13 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1247 would have placed restrictions on payday and other short-term lending by restricting interest charged on extension of credit. Amendment 12 to the bill would have gone even farther – imposing a 36 percent cap that some opponents of the loan companies, including at least one Senator, admit could kill the industry. YCT opposes efforts by the legislature to pick winners and losers by targeting and attempting to kill industries it dislikes.

16. SB 1387

Passage; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1127: 23 Yeas, 8 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1387 would have increased regulations on water well drillers seeking licenses and have created seven new licenses where there were only two. Legislators should avoid the temptation to regulate professions; the benefits are questionable and the primary demand for regulation usually comes from rent seekers within the profession who wish to create barriers to entry in order to decrease competition and drive up prices.

17. SB 791 Floor Amendment 5

Motion to Table; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1137: 14 Yeas, 17 Nays

YCT Nay. Amendment 5 to SB 791 caps fees for a backup, perpetual care account for radioactive waste sites in Texas. With passage of the amendment, an individual waste generator will still be responsible for up to \$500,000 of the perpetual care account. If the amount in the fund is

reduced so that the waste generator's portion is below \$350,000, the fees will be increased again. An earlier amendment imposed fees on individual generators until the balance of the entire account reaches \$150 million.

18. SB 376

Passage; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1142: 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 376 requires public schools with 80%+ students that qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast to offer a free breakfast to all students. While proponents claim this is cost neutral for the state, as it can be achieved through federal grants, at the end-of-the-day costs will still end up on taxpayers. This measure further supplants parents as those responsible for the care of children and inserts the state into a relationship in which it does not belong. The problem of child hunger is a social one and a reflection of dysfunctional parenting. The solution is not more government. The solution is to hold parents responsible for the care of their children and to empower the community and charitable organizations to ensure that neglected children do not go hungry.

19. SJR 55

Passage; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1146: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. SJR 55 would have amended the Texas Constitution by appropriating money from the system benefit fund for the purpose of returning system benefit fund fees to retail electric customers. The fund has accumulated an \$850 million balance, much of which will continue to accumulate, rather than be used for the fund's purpose. YCT supports returning unused fees to the consumers who paid them.

20. SB 315

Passage; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1160: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 315 would allow for electronic voter registration in the State of Texas. By opening up this process

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online, the opportunity for fraudulent voting increases, watering down the votes of the citizens who register and vote legally.

21. SB 1364

Passage; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1160: 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 1364 requires that the computation of electric rates be based on the way the electric utility actually filed its income taxes, rather than allowing the Public Utility Commission to negatively adjust the income tax portion of regulated rates for utilities to compensate for tax benefits received by affiliated companies. This measure will result in fairer treatment for electric utilities in Texas.

22. SJR 1 Floor Amendment 3

Adoption; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1165: 12 Yeas, 19 Nays

YCT Nay. Amendment 3 to SJR 1 would have pumped another \$800 million into public education from the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund, more commonly known as the “Rainy Day Fund.” The Rainy Day Fund should be used for one-time expenses, not for recurring expenditures like education, which commands a huge portion of the state budget.

23. SJR 1 Floor Amendment 6

Adoption; April 23, 2013; Journal Page 1167: 12 Yeas, 19 Nays

YCT Nay. Amendment 6 would have provided for Medicaid expansion under Obamacare in the State of Texas. Medicaid expansion would expand the amount of people dependent on government and would have long-term, detrimental effects on our state’s budget.

24. SB 722

Passage; April 24, 2013; Journal Page 1188: 26 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 722 would have increased election fraud and damaged voters’ rights to a secret ballot by allowing an

entity conducting an election to select an interpreter for a person voting. Under current law, one can bring a registered voter with whom they are familiar to interpret for them. YCT opposes measures that could lead to voters feeling pressured or coerced to vote a certain way.

25. SB 929

Passage; April 25, 2013; Journal Page 1224: 21 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 929 would have allowed homeschool students to compete in UIL competitions. YCT supports diversification of opportunity in education and believes that ending the public school monopoly on academic and sports competition is a positive step towards allowing greater access and greater options for all students. Homeschool students should not be denied the benefits that come with participating in athletic and academic competitions that were set up for the benefit of all Texas school-age students.

26. SB 861

Passage; April 29, 2013; Journal Page 1278: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 861 requires establishments that serve alcohol to put up signs notifying customers of the penalties associated with drinking and driving. YCT opposes this measure, as it makes legislators feel good, but will likely ultimately ineffective for its intended purpose while violating business owners’ private property rights.

27. SB 1907

Passage; April 30, 2013; Journal Page 1325: 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 1907 prohibits public colleges or universities from forbidding concealed handgun owners from storing their firearms in their vehicles while attending class. YCT supports the expansion of concealed handgun license holders’ rights, and Concealed Carry on Campus is YCT’s number one legislative priority because it directly concerns the rights of our members to protect themselves.

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Though this bill did not extend concealed carry to college and university campuses, it does move toward making students better able to protect themselves while commuting to and from campus.

28. SB 1718

Passage; May 1, 2013; Journal Page 1356: 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 1718 would have given the state another tool to hold low-performing campuses accountable. This bill would have transferred schools below a certain threshold of performance into the “Texas Achievement School District.” Though there are deep structural problems with our public education system, this bill would have been a step in the right direction.

29. SB 212 Floor Amendment 1

Motion to Table; May 2, 2013; Journal Page 1400: 22 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. Amendment 1 to SB 212 would have prevented members of the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) from spending political contributions raised as a commissioner on any race other than reelection. While it is a worthy concern that politicians could use the position of Commissioner as a launching pad for higher office to the detriment of the commission, it is hypocritical for the legislature to put limits on the RRC that they do not have to meet themselves and have not placed on other state officials.

30. HB 5 Floor Amendment 16

Adoption; May 6, 2013; Journal Page 1482: 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT Nay. Amendment 16 to HB 5 would tie performance ratings to whether or not a school has been given “sufficient funds.” Public education does not have a funding problem – it has a structural problem. Tying performance ratings to whether or not a school has met an arbitrary claim about “sufficient funds” simply gives schools a scapegoat for a much deeper problem.

31. HB 508 Floor Amendment 1

Adoption; May 20, 2013; Journal Page 2178: 30 Yeas, 1 Nay

YCT Nay. While YCT supports the meat of the legislation in HB 508, Amendment 1 gives elected officials the ability to carry a concealed handgun virtually everywhere in the State. While we would wholeheartedly support this measure if it included the general public, elected officials should live under the laws they write and not afford themselves special privileges.

32. HB 217

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2271: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 217 would prohibit the sale of “sugary beverages” in public schools. YCT opposes limiting food choices for students, as a child’s dietary habits should be a decision for the child and their parents. Because this goes against our principles of personal liberty and free markets, we noted our opposition to this type of legislation on our legislative agenda. As such, YCT supports Governor Perry’s veto of this bill.

33. HB 3459

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2313: 25 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 3459 diminishes property rights for homeowners in coastal areas. The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that one cannot lose their property simply because a hurricane washes vegetation onto it. This bill attempts to chip away at that ruling and would allow the Land Office to take private property without just compensation.

34. HB 3536

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2315: 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 3536 increases taxes on cigarette companies that were not part of the big tobacco lawsuit in the 1990’s. While proponents of the bill claimed this legisla-

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tion would “level the playing field,” in reality this bill forces a penalty on companies that did not commit an offense.

35. HB 462

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2326: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 462 would stop federal overreach in Texas Public schools by prohibiting the State Board of Education from including “common core” federal standards in the curriculum. YCT supports keeping any curriculum standards or standardized tests at the state level, providing Texans with the ability to adapt the standards for the needs of Texas students.

36. HB 1675 Floor Amendment 6

Motion to Table; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2377: 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. Amendment 6 to HB 1675 would have added a sunset provision to the State Board of Education (SBOE). Unlike the Texas Education Agency, the SBOE provides direct representation to the people of Texas and can be held accountable for their actions. YCT opposes all legislation that seeks to diminish the power of the SBOE in favor of unelected entities.

37. HB 950

Passage to Engrossment; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2405: 18 Yeas, 13 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 950, the Texas “Lilly-Ledbetter Fair Pay Act,” passed under the guise of increasing fairness for women in the workplace. The bill, however, was hardly more than a trial lawyer’s wish list, expanding the ability for employees to file frivolous lawsuits against their employers. Governor Perry wisely vetoed the bill following the session.

38. HB 148

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2443: 29 Yeas, 2 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 148 will protect election integrity by creating an offense for ballot harvesting and related offenses. YCT supports efforts of the legislature to ensure that all legitimate votes count by preventing voter fraud and intimidation.

39. HB 3142

Passage; May 21, 2013; Journal Page 2449: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 3142 removes the requirement that a person seeking to qualify for a concealed handgun license must take the test and be certified with a handgun of the same category they intend to carry. YCT supports this common sense change to allow skilled and trained Texans to carry their choice of concealable firearm.

40. HB 1025

Passage; May 22, 2013; Journal Page 2868: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 1025 increases state spending drastically and draws money from the Rainy Day Fund for recurring expenditures. According to the bill’s fiscal note there are “net appropriation increases totaling \$386.9 million in General Revenue funds, \$308.8 million in Other Funds and \$2 billion out of the Economic Stabilization Fund.” The legislature should be mindful of the fact that our state will continue to face economic challenges and could face budget shortfalls in the future. Increasing spending generally and taking two billion dollars from the Rainy Day Fund is fiscally irresponsible.

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41. SB 5 Amendment 16 (First Special Session)

Motion to Table; June 18, 2013; Journal Page 57: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. Amendment 16 to SB 5 would have required the state to expand Medicaid in order to enact any portion of this pro-life legislation. YCT opposes Medicaid Expansion and supports measures protecting unborn lives; as such we oppose this amendment.

42. HB 2 (Second Special Session)

Passage; July 12, 2013; Journal Page 48: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 2 was an omnibus pro-life bill. This bill will reduce abortions and improve the health and safety standards for women seeking abortions through four measures: 1) Prohibiting abortions after 20 weeks; 2) Requiring abortion clinics to increase their level of care to that of an ambulatory service center; 3) Requiring abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles; and 4) Requiring doctors to administer abortion-inducing drugs on site.

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R	17	Huffman	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	74	63	11	69	
			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+					
D	27	Lucio	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	33	18	15	36	
			-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+					
R	12	Nelson	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	79	79	0	88	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+					
R	3	Nichols	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	64	63	1	64	
			+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+				
R	7	Patrick	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	79	87	-8	84	
			+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R	8	Paxton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	93	R	R	R	
			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D	29	Rodriguez	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	14	11	3	12	
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-					
R	5	Schwertner	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	62	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+				
R	31	Seliger	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	52	50	2	54	
			+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+					
R	11	Taylor	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	67	R	R	R	
			+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+					

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Senate Scorecard

P	D	Legislator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	83rd	82nd	+/-	C
			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42				
D	19	Uresti	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	31	29	2	17
			-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-					
D	26	Van De Putte	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	24	16	8	25
			-	-	-	+	-	+	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-					
D	14	Watson	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	18	-1	16
			-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-					
D	23	West	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	28	18	10	25
			-	-	-	AE	-	+	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	AE					
D	15	Whitmire	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	AE	AE	AE	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	41	37	4	27
			-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-					
R	4	Williams	-	AU	-	-	+	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	+	-	+	AU	-	+	-	+	-	+	57	58	-1	68
			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	AE	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE				
D	21	Zaffirini	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	21	24	-3	26
			-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-					



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