



**LEGISLATIVE RATINGS
FOR THE
84th LEGISLATURE**

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Young Conservatives of Texas Rates the 84th 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 William Dominguez

Chair, Legislative Ratings Committee

Thank you for viewing Young Conservatives of Texas' 21st Installment of our Ratings of the Texas Legislature. YCT has compiled these ratings since 1975 as a public service to Texas voters. We provide all previous ratings and visual representations of each legislator's score since that of 1975 on our website, www.yct.org. We are hopeful that this installment of our ratings will continue the long tradition of providing the most respected, thorough, and trusted review of the legislature in the State of Texas.

Our organization works to provide an accurate picture to Texas voters of each legislator's devotion to Conservative principles and we do this by using the methodology of selecting votes that we believe offer a clear left/right public policy paradigm to include votes on legislation where those in the same political party are also at odds. It remains of the utmost importance to our organization that these ratings remain objective in nature and we attempt to eliminate any hint of subjectivity or bias in the review of each vote we choose to rate.

Our organization is privileged to include members who are currently students at the college/university level, young professionals, and alumni of the organization itself. Our Legislative Ratings Committee asks for insight from various members and prior members who work within our legislative system but ensures that those individuals only act as suggestive bodies and not the deciding factor in the legislation we choose to review and rate.

In keeping with our goal of describing the most accurate representation of the political make-up of the Texas Legislature we include and account for the statements of intent in this installment of our ratings where we give full faith and credit to those statements as recorded in the House/Senate Journals. We also provide when and if those changes were made and what the legislator's rating would have looked like if those statement of intent were not available. We provide vote descriptions for every House and Senate rated vote to include what the legislation does and what YCT's position was on the legislation itself. Our organization bases some of the selection of bills on the Legislative Agenda that is provided before each Legislative Session in an attempt to put emphasis on our support or opposition to a variance of public policy issues.

Our organization again sought to provide a comparison in the average ratings of committees in the House from the 84th to the 83rd Legislative Sessions to include the ratings of the chairmen.

Again, we hope that these ratings will be a useful guide when evaluating legislators however, we do not want these ratings to be construed as any sort of endorsement for or against any particular candidate for office. These ratings are entirely a product of the volunteer efforts of the students and young professionals who make up our organization but who are also busy with school work and their occupations. I would like to thank the many members of YCT who helped bring this document together and look forward to another invigorating campaign cycle to which we elect strong Conservatives to the Texas Legislature.

Pro Libertas, Pro Texana,



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Scorecard Legend

P	Party Affiliation	83rd	Rating for 83rd Session
D	District Number	+/-	Change
84th	Rating for 84th 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 84th Legislature 90% & Above	
Legislator	Score
Rep. Stickland	100%
Sen. Burton	98%
Rep. Rinaldi	98%
Rep. Krause	96%
Rep. Tinderholt	96%
Rep. Schaefer	94%
Rep. Turner, E.S.	94%
Rep. Shaheen	92%
Rep. Spitzer	92%
Rep. White, M.	92%
Sen. Hall	90%
Sen. Huffines	90%
Rep. Simpson	90%

Rookies of the year Highest Scoring Rookie by Chamber	
Legislator	Score
Sen. Burton	98%
Rep. Rinaldi	98%

Historic Honor Roll Career Rating 85% & Above		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Rep. Stickland	99%	2
Rep. Krause	96%	2
Rep. Schaefer	95%	2
Rep. Turner, E.S.	92%	2
Rep. Simpson	90%	3
Rep. Fallon	89%	2
Rep. Laubenberg	89%	7
Sen. Birdwell	88%	4
Rep. Klick	88%	2
Sen. Nelson	86%	12
Rep. Craddick	86%	24
Rep. Flynn	86%	7
Rep. Leach	86%	2
Rep. Zedler	86%	6
Sen. Taylor, V.	85%	4
Rep. Hughes	85%	7

Honorable Mentions 84th Legislature 80% - 89%	
Legislator	Score
Rep. Klick	88%
Rep. Leach	88%
Sen. Perry	86%
Rep. Hughes	86%
Rep. Keough	86%
Rep. Fallon	85%
Sen. Taylor, V.	84%
Rep. Zedler	84%
Sen. Birdwell	82%
Rep. Anderson, R.	82%
Rep. White, J.	82%
Sen. Hancock	81%
Rep. Burrows	80%
Rep. Murr	80%
Rep. Sanford	80%

Most Improved Legislators Largest Rating Increase by Chamber	
Legislator	Score
Sen. Schwertner	+14%
Rep. Geren	+17%

Lowest Scoring Republicans 84th Legislature 50% & Below		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Rep. Dale	50%	5
Rep. Darby	50%	5
Rep. King, S.	50%	5
Rep. Murphy	50%	4
Rep. Kacal	49%	2
Rep. Otto	49%	6
Rep. Anderson, C.	48%	6
Rep. Ashby	48%	2
Rep. Burkett	48%	3
Rep. Cook	48%	7
Rep. Frullo	48%	4
Rep. Koop	48%	1
Rep. Larson	48%	3
Rep. Miller, R.	48%	2
Rep. Riddle	48%	8
Rep. Smith	48%	7
Rep. Raney	47%	3
Rep. Clardy	46%	2
Rep. Farney	42%	2
Rep. Galindo	42%	1
Rep. Miller, D.	42%	4
Rep. Morrison	42%	9
Rep. Stephenson	42%	2
Rep. Villalba	42%	2
Rep. Gonzales	41%	3
Rep. Aycock	40%	5
Rep. Zerwas	40%	5
Rep. Davis, S.	39%	3
Rep. Price	38%	3
Rep. King, K	37%	2
Rep. Lozano	36%	3
Rep. Pena	33%	1
Rep. Sheffield	33%	2

Certified RINOs Republicans in Name Only Republicans w/ Career Rating of 55% & Below		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Rep. Zerwas	55%	5
Rep. Ashby	53%	2
Sen. Seliger	53%	7
Rep. Price	52%	3
Rep. Clardy	51%	2
Rep. Villalba	49%	2
Rep. Stephenson	48%	2
Rep. Davis, S.	47%	3
Rep. Farney	47%	2
Rep. Kacal	47%	2
Rep. Raney	46%	3
Rep. King, K.	43%	2
Rep. Lozano	36%	3

Dangerous Trends A Negative Change of 20% or More		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Rep. Capriglione	-29%	2
Rep. Anderson, C.	-27%	6
Rep. King, P.	-27%	9
Sen. Estes	-26%	8
Rep. Burkett	-25%	3
Rep. Gonzales	-25%	3
Rep. Dale	-23%	2
Rep. Morrison	-21%	9
Rep. Springer	-20%	2

Highest Scoring Democrats 84th Legislature 30% & Above		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Sen. Lucio	38%	15
Sen. Hinojosa	32%	15
Rep. Dutton	32%	16
Rep. King, T.	30%	10

Most Liberal Legislators 84th Legislature 10% & Below		
Legislator	Score	Sessions
Rep. Dukes	2%	11
Rep. Johnson	9%	4
Rep. Anchia	9%	6
Rep. Blanco	10%	1
Rep. Collier	10%	2
Rep. Gonzalez, M.	10%	2
Rep. Israel	10%	1
Rep. Rodriguez, J.	10%	2

Most Vote Changes Legislators who Changed their Vote in Journal the Most	
Legislator	Vote Changes
Rep. Hunter	11
Rep. Parker	7
Rep. Harless	6
Rep. Bohac	5

Most Unexcused Absences Legislators who Had the Most Unexcused Absences	
Legislator	Unexcused Absences
Rep. Dukes	34
Rep. McClendon	10
Rep. King, S.	5

Change in Ratings by Standing Committee Chairmen

83rd to 84th Legislature - House & Senate

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score	+/-
84th: Agriculture & Livestock	King, T.	30	+3
83rd: Agriculture & Livestock		27	
84th: Appropriations	Otto, J.	49	+11
83rd: Appropriations		Pitts, J.	
84th: Business & Industry	Oliviera, R.	22	+12
83rd: Business & Industry		10	
84th: Calendars	Hunter, T.	60	+1
83rd: Calendars		59	
84th: Corrections	Murphy, J.	50	-23
83rd: Corrections		Parker, T.	
84th: County Affairs	Coleman, G.	14	+2
83rd: County Affairs		12	
84th: Criminal Jurisprudence	Hererro, A.	19	-8
83rd: Criminal Jurisprudence		27	
84th: Culture, Recreation, & Tourism	Guillen, R.	26	-4
83rd: Culture, Recreation, & Tourism		30	
84th: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	King, S.	50	+33
83rd: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	Menendez, J.	17	
84th: Economic & Small Business Dev.	Button, A.	64	+24
83rd: Economic & Small Business Dev.	Davis, J.	40	
84th: Elections	Laubenberg, J.	74	+11
83rd: Elections	Morrison, G.	63	
84th: Energy Resources	Darby, D.	50	+1
83rd: Energy Resources	Keffer, J.	49	
84th: Environmental Regulation	Morrison, G.	42	-11
83rd: Environmental Regulation	Harless, P.	53	
84th: General Investigating & Ethics	Kuempel, J.	52	+12
83rd: General Investigating & Ethics	Zerwas, J.	40	
84th: Government Transparency & Operation	Elkins, G.	66	+2/+52
83rd: Government Efficiency & Reform	Harper-Brown, L.	64	
83rd: Trans. in State Agency Ops, Select	Alvarado, C.	14	
84th: Higher Education	Zerwas, J.	40	-28
83rd: Higher Education	Branch, D.	68	
84th: Homeland Security & Public Safety	Phillips, L.	70	+42
83rd: Homeland Security & Public Safety	Pickett, J.	28	
84th: House Administration	Geren, C.	60	+17
83rd: House Administration		43	
84th: Human Services	Raymond, R.	22	0
83rd: Human Services		22	
84th: Insurance	Frullo, J.	48	-26
83rd: Insurance	Smithee, J.	74	
84th: Intl. Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs	Anchia, R.	9	+2
83rd: Intl. Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs		7	

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score	+/-
84th: Investments & Financial Services	Parker, T.	64	+49
83rd: Investments & Financial Services	Villareal, M.	15	
84th: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	Smithee, J.	60	0
83rd: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	Lewis, T.	60	
84th: Land & Resource Management	Deshotel, J.	22	0
83rd: Land & Resource Management		22	
84th: Licensing & Administrative Procedures	Smith, W.	48	+3
83rd: Licensing & Administrative Procedures		45	
84th: Local & Consent Calendars	Thompson, S.	22	+7
83rd: Local & Consent Calendars		15	
84th: Natural Resources	Keffer, J.	51	+7
83rd: Natural Resources	Ritter, A.	44	
84th: Pensions	Flynn, D.	76	+34
83rd: Pensions	Callegari, B.	42	
84th: Public Education	Aycock, J.	40	-13
83rd: Public Education		53	
84th: Public Health	Crownover, M.	51	-15
83rd: Public Health	Kolkhorst, L.	66	
84th: Redistricting	Lozano, J.M.	36	-16
83rd: Redistricting	Darby, D.	52	
84th: Rules & Resolutions	McClendon, R.	21	+1
83rd: Rules & Resolutions		20	
84th: Special Purpose Districts	Miller, D.	42	-24
83rd: Special Purpose Districts	Bonnen, D.	66	
84th: Environmental Regulation	Morrison, G.	42	-11
83rd: Environmental Regulation	Harless, P.	53	
84th: State & Fed. Power & Responsibility, Select	King, P.	59	-21
83rd: Federalism & Fiscal Responsibility, Select	Creighton, B.	80	
84th: State Affairs	Cook, B.	48	+4
83rd: State Affairs		44	
84th: Transportation	Pickett, J.	20	-55
83rd: Transportation	Phillips, L.	75	
84th: Urban Affairs	Alvarado, C.	16	0
83rd: Urban Affairs	Dutton, H.	16	
84th: Ways & Means	Bonnen, D.	71	-1
83rd: Ways & Means	Hilderbran, H.	72	

Average Committee Chair Rating		
84th Legislature		44
83rd Legislature		43

Change in Ratings by Standing Committee Chairmen

83rd to 84th Legislature - House & Senate

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score	+/-
84th: Administration	Hancock, K.	81	+29
83rd: Administration	Eltife, K.	52	
84th: Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs	Perry, C.	86	0
83rd: Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security	Estes, C.	86	
84th: Business & Commerce	Eltife, K.	58	+6
83rd: Business & Commerce		52	
84th: Criminal Justice	Whitmire, J.	26	-15
83rd: Criminal Justice		41	
84th: Education	Taylor, L.	64	-15
83rd: Education	Patrick, D.	79	
84th: Finance	Nelson, J.	66	-13
83rd: Finance		79	
84th: Health & Human Services	Schwertner, C.	76	+14
83rd: Health & Human Services		62	
84th: Higher Education	Seliger, K.	56	+4
83rd: Higher Education		52	
84th: Intergovernmental Relations	Lucio, E.	40	+4
83rd: Intergovernmental Relations	Hinojosa, J.	36	
84th: Natural Resources & Economic Development	Fraser, T.	68	-8/+13
83rd: Natural Resources	Fraser, T.	76	
83rd: Economic Development	Duell, B.	55	
84th: Nominations	Birdwell, B.	82	+1
83rd: Nominations	Campbell, D.	81	
84th: State Affairs	Huffman, J.	64	-22
83rd: State Affairs	Estes, C.	86	
84th: Transportation	Nichols, R.	66	+2
83rd: Transportation		64	
84th: Veteran Affairs & Military Installations	Campbell, D.	70	+46
83rd: Veteran Affairs & Military Installations	Van de Putte, L.	24	

Average Committee Chair Rating	
84th Legislature	65
83rd Legislature	56

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Legislative Ratings – 84th Session

Quick Reference – Listed By Name

HOUSE				
P	D	Legislator	84th	C
D	131	Allen	16	14
D	104	Alonzo	16	11
D	145	Alvarado	16	13
D	103	Anchia	9	13
R	56	Anderson, C.	48	76
R	105	Anderson, R.	82	77
R	57	Ashby	48	54
R	54	Aycock	40	66
R	3	Bell	74	72
D	123	Bernal	17	R
D	76	Blanco	10	R
R	138	Bohac	63	69
R	25	Bonnen, D.	71	76
R	24	Bonnen, G.	78	80
R	113	Burkett	48	65
R	58	Burns	74	R
R	83	Burrows	80	R
R	112	Button	64	69
D	40	Canales	16	14
R	98	Capriglione	63	78
R	11	Clardy	46	53
D	147	Coleman	14	11
D	95	Collier	10	11
R	8	Cook	48	66
R	82	Craddick	72	86
R	64	Crownover	51	72
R	17	Cyrier	71	R
R	136	Dale	50	62
R	72	Darby	50	63
R	134	Davis, S.	39	48
D	111	Davis, Y.	14	11
D	22	Deshotel	22	22
D	46	Dukes	2	11
D	142	Dutton	32	15
R	135	Elkins	66	80
R	23	Faircloth	54	R
R	106	Fallon	85	89
D	118	Farias	14	18
R	20	Farney	42	48
D	148	Farrar	16	9
R	130	Fletcher	64	78
R	2	Flynn	76	86
R	69	Frank	63	72
R	84	Frullo	48	62
R	117	Galindo	42	R
R	99	Geren	60	56
D	109	Giddings	16	16
R	97	Goldman	74	83
R	52	Gonzales	41	58
D	75	Gonzalez	10	10
D	41	Guerra	20	17
D	31	Guillen	26	34
D	119	Gutierrez	14	16
R	126	Harless	51	64
D	143	Hernandez	16	10
D	34	Herrero	19	21
D	48	Howard	12	12
R	127	Huberty	54	62
R	5	Hughes	86	85
R	32	Hunter	60	56
R	45	Isaac	57	68
D	100	Johnson	9	18

P	D	Legislator	84th	C
R	12	Kacal	49	48
R	60	Keffer	51	69
R	15	Keough	86	R
R	88	King, K.	37	44
R	61	King, P.	59	77
R	71	King, S.	50	59
D	80	King, T.	30	35
R	91	Klick	88	88
R	102	Koop	48	R
R	93	Krause	96	96
R	44	Kuempel	52	58
R	81	Landgraf	74	R
R	122	Larson	48	57
R	89	Laubenberg	74	89
R	67	Leach	88	86
D	35	Longoria	20	18
R	43	Lozano	36	37
D	38	Lucio	17	16
D	77	Marquez	19	16
D	39	Martinez	18	23
D	116	Martinez-Fischer	16	16
D	120	McClendon	21	16
R	16	Metcalfe	76	R
R	108	Meyer	58	R
D	146	Miles	18	16
R	73	Miller, D.	42	58
R	26	Miller, R.	48	57
D	124	Minjarez	23	R
D	78	Moody	12	17
R	30	Morrison	42	67
D	36	Munoz	16	22
R	133	Murphy	50	65
R	53	Murr	80	R
D	49	Naishtat	14	10
D	74	Nevarez	17	16
D	37	Oliviera	22	19
R	18	Otto	49	65
R	9	Paddie	52	57
R	63	Parker	64	81
R	129	Paul	70	R
R	144	Pena	33	R
R	21	Phelan	67	R
R	62	Phillips	70	83
D	79	Pickett	20	26
R	87	Price	38	53
R	14	Raney	47	47
D	42	Raymond	22	26
D	27	Reynolds	17	16
R	150	Riddle	48	76
R	115	Rinaldi	98	R
D	51	Rodriguez, E.	12	14
D	125	Rodriguez, J.	10	9
D	90	Romero	18	R
D	110	Rose	16	15
R	70	Sanford	80	82
R	6	Schaefer	94	95
R	132	Schofield	70	R
R	13	Schubert	63	R
R	66	Shaheen	92	R
R	107	Sheets	61	67
R	59	Sheffield	33	35
R	65	Simmons	64	73
R	7	Simpson	90	90

P	D	Legislator	84 th	C
R	128	Smith	48	70
R	86	Smithee	60	81
R	4	Spitzer	92	R
R	68	Springer	68	78
R	85	Stephenson	42	49
R	92	Stickland	100	99
R	121	Straus	SP	68
R	29	Thompson, E.	65	69
D	141	Thompson, S.	22	14
R	94	Tinderholt	96	R
D	101	Turner, C.	13	11
R	33	Turner, E.S.	94	92
D	139	Turner, S.	18	17
R	1	VanDeaver	51	R
R	114	Villalba	42	50
D	149	Vo	19	25
D	140	Walle	17	15
R	19	White, J.	82	81
R	55	White, M.	92	R
R	47	Workman	53	62
R	10	Wray	72	R
D	137	Wu	14	11
R	96	Zedler	84	86
R	28	Zerwas	40	56

SENATE				
P	D	Legislator	84th	C
R	7	Bettencourt	76	R
R	22	Birdwell	82	87
R	10	Burton	98	R
R	25	Campbell	70	76
R	4	Creighton	76	81
D	13	Ellis	16	15
R	1	Eltife	58	56
R	30	Estes	60	67
R	24	Fraser	68	80
D	6	Garcia	16	15
R	2	Hall	90	R
R	9	Hancock	81	82
D	20	Hinojosa	34	23
R	16	Huffines	90	R
R	17	Huffman	64	68
R	18	Kolkhorst	78	73
D	27	Lucio	40	34
D	26	Menendez	16	22
R	12	Nelson	66	86
R	3	Nichols	66	64
R	28	Perry	86	81
D	29	Rodriguez	16	14
R	5	Schwertner	76	72
R	31	Seliger	56	54
R	11	Taylor, L.	64	79
R	8	Taylor, V.	84	85
D	19	Uresti	26	18
D	14	Watson	14	16
D	23	West	28	24
D	15	Whitmire	26	30
D	21	Zaffirini	20	25

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Quick Reference – Listed By District

HOUSE				
P	D	Legislator	84th	C
R	1	VanDeaver	51	R
R	2	Flynn	76	86
R	3	Bell	74	72
R	4	Spitzer	92	R
R	5	Hughes	86	85
R	6	Schaefer	94	95
R	7	Simpson	90	90
R	8	Cook	48	66
R	9	Paddie	52	57
R	10	Wray	72	R
R	11	Clardy	46	53
R	12	Kacal	49	48
R	13	Schubert	63	R
R	14	Raney	47	47
R	15	Keough	86	R
R	16	Metcalfe	76	R
R	17	Cyrier	71	R
R	18	Otto	49	65
R	19	White, J.	82	81
R	20	Farney	42	48
R	21	Phelan	67	R
D	22	Deshotel	22	22
R	23	Faircloth	54	R
R	24	Bonnen, G.	78	80
R	25	Bonnen, D.	71	76
R	26	Miller, R.	48	57
D	27	Reynolds	17	16
R	28	Zerwas	40	56
R	29	Thompson, E.	65	69
R	30	Morrison	42	67
D	31	Guillen	26	34
R	32	Hunter	60	56
R	33	Turner, E.S.	94	92
D	34	Herrero	19	21
D	35	Longoria	20	18
D	36	Munoz	16	22
D	37	Oliviera	22	19
D	38	Lucio	17	16
D	39	Martinez	18	23
D	40	Canales	16	14
D	41	Guerra	20	17
D	42	Raymond	22	26
R	43	Lozano	36	37
R	44	Kuempel	52	58
R	45	Isaac	57	68
D	46	Dukes	2	11
R	47	Workman	53	62
D	48	Howard	12	12
D	49	Naishtat	14	10
D	50	Israel	10	R
D	51	Rodriguez, E.	12	14
R	52	Gonzales	41	58
R	53	Murr	80	R
R	54	Aycock	40	66
R	55	White, M.	92	R
R	56	Anderson, C.	48	76
R	57	Ashby	48	54
R	58	Burns	74	R
R	59	Sheffield	33	35
R	60	Keffer	51	69
R	61	King, P.	59	77
R	62	Phillips	70	83

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R	63	Parker	64	81
R	64	Crownover	51	72
R	65	Simmons	64	73
R	66	Shaheen	92	R
R	67	Leach	88	86
R	68	Springer	68	78
R	69	Frank	63	72
R	70	Sanford	80	82
R	71	King, S.	50	59
R	72	Darby	50	63
R	73	Miller, D.	42	58
D	74	Nevarez	17	16
D	75	Gonzalez	10	10
D	76	Blanco	10	R
D	77	Marquez	19	16
D	78	Moody	12	17
D	79	Pickett	20	26
D	80	King, T.	30	35
R	81	Landgraf	74	R
R	82	Craddick	72	86
R	83	Burrows	80	R
R	84	Frullo	48	62
R	85	Stephenson	42	49
R	86	Smithee	60	81
R	87	Price	38	53
R	88	King, K.	37	44
R	89	Laubenberg	74	89
D	90	Romero	18	R
R	91	Klick	88	88
R	92	Stickland	100	99
R	93	Krause	96	96
R	94	Tinderholt	96	R
D	95	Collier	10	11
R	96	Zedler	84	86
R	97	Goldman	74	83
R	98	Capriglione	63	78
R	99	Geren	60	56
D	100	Johnson	9	18
D	101	Turner, C.	13	11
R	102	Koop	48	R
D	103	Anchia	9	13
D	104	Alonzo	16	11
R	105	Anderson, R.	82	77
R	106	Fallon	85	89
R	107	Sheets	61	67
R	108	Meyer	58	R
D	109	Giddings	16	16
D	110	Rose	16	15
D	111	Davis, Y.	14	11
R	112	Button	64	69
R	113	Burkett	48	65
R	114	Villalba	42	50
R	115	Rinaldi	98	R
D	116	Martinez-Fischer	16	16
R	117	Galindo	42	R
D	118	Farias	14	18
D	119	Gutierrez	14	16
D	120	McClendon	21	16
R	121	Straus	SP	68
R	122	Larson	48	57
D	123	Bernal	17	R
D	124	Minjarez	23	R
D	125	Rodriguez, J.	10	9

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R	126	Harless	51	64
R	127	Huberty	54	62
R	128	Smith	48	70
R	129	Paul	70	R
R	130	Fletcher	64	78
D	131	Allen	16	14
R	132	Schofield	70	R
R	133	Murphy	50	65
R	134	Davis, S.	39	48
R	135	Elkins	66	80
R	136	Dale	50	62
D	137	Wu	14	11
R	138	Bohac	63	69
D	139	Turner, S.	18	17
D	140	Walle	17	15
D	141	Thompson, S.	22	14
D	142	Dutton	32	15
D	143	Hernandez	16	10
R	144	Pena	33	R
D	145	Alvarado	16	13
D	146	Miles	18	16
D	147	Coleman	14	11
D	148	Farrar	16	9
D	149	Vo	19	25
R	150	Riddle	48	76

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R	1	Eltife	58	56
R	2	Hall	90	R
R	3	Nichols	66	64
R	4	Creighton	76	81
R	5	Schwertner	76	72
D	6	Garcia	16	15
R	7	Bettencourt	76	R
R	8	Taylor, V.	84	85
R	9	Hancock	81	82
R	10	Burton	98	R
R	11	Taylor, L.	64	79
R	12	Nelson	66	86
D	13	Ellis	16	15
D	14	Watson	14	16
D	15	Whitmire	26	30
R	16	Huffines	90	R
R	17	Huffman	64	68
R	18	Kolkhorst	78	73
D	19	Uresti	26	18
D	20	Hinojosa	34	23
D	21	Zaffirini	20	25
R	22	Birdwell	82	87
D	23	West	28	24
R	24	Fraser	68	80
R	25	Campbell	70	76
D	26	Menendez	16	22
D	27	Lucio	40	34
R	28	Perry	86	81
D	29	Rodriguez	16	14
R	30	Estes	60	67
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1. Election of Speaker

Election of the Speaker of the House; January 13, 2015; RV #1; Journal Page 22: 127 Joe Straus, 19 Scott Turner

YCT Nay. Our organization has publicly come out against the current Speaker many times. YCT believes that the Speaker is out of touch with voters across the state. It is unfortunate that in a state in which the legislature is composed of an almost supermajority of Republicans that the party looks to the opposing party to cultivate votes to select a Speaker from the moderate wing of the party. Rep. Scott Turner has proven to be more conservative and would have been a better and more equitable Speaker of the Texas House.

2. HB 80 Third Reading

Passage; March 26, 2015; RV #95; Journal Page 1038; 104 Yeas, 39 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 80 would have put into statute yet another poorly conceived ban on texting while driving. Rep. Craddick has authored this legislation multiple times before, including a version that passed both chambers of the Legislature but was vetoed by Gov. Perry in 2011. It would have increased the scope of government and posed numerous civil liberty concerns, and it remained unclear how the statute could be justly 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 with resulting disastrous secondary effects.

3. SB 293 Third Reading

Passage; March 30, 2015; RV #101; Journal Page 1060; 114 Yeas, 27 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill would have added ESPN, UFC, and NASCAR to the list of those that would qualify for funding from the Major Events Trust Fund. YCT believes that the Texas economy is strong enough, on its own merit, to attract event venues. YCT does not support 'slush' funds. Furthermore, certain locations in the state should not benefit more than other locations simply based on the availability of the fund itself. During the legislative session there appeared to be a question concerning the potential retroactivity of the bill which would have made it unconstitutional.

4. HB 4 Floor Amendment 21

Motion to Table; April 8, 2015; RV #177; Journal Page 1425; 66 Yeas, 78 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. This amendment would have made the amount of money spent on 'High-Quality' Pre-K 'undefined'. This would have allowed more money to be spent beyond the initial request by the Governor for \$130 million. Rep. Martinez-Fischer attempted to insert this amendment a few times during deliberations on the bill. YCT is against government subsidized daycare and certainly opposes potentially giving it a blank check.

5. HB 4 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; RV #183; Journal Page 1450; 128 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 4 was legislation from the Governor's Emergency Calendar. It called for 'High-Quality' Pre-Kindergarten without specifically defining 'High-Quality'. The bill lacks specific definitions for Pre-K academic standards. YCT does not believe it is the appropriate role of government to 'educate' from cradle to grave.

6. HB 100 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; RV #187; Journal Page 1454; 131 Yeas, 13 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Tuition Revenue Bonds are said to be used for capital projects and construction at many of the public universities in the state. YCT has long been against what was misleadingly dubbed as 'Tuition Deregulation' where almost overnight tuition costs exponentially increased. Public universities are very misleading to incoming college applicants where they justify tuition costs based on the projects incurred at the university while also taking additional money from TRBs which are paid by state taxpayers. A vote in favor of TRBs is a vote in favor of increasing the state's debt liability at a cost of approximately half a billion dollars.

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7. HB 2037 Third Reading

Passage; April 16, 2015; RV #237; Journal Page 1605; 120 Yeas, 25 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill was discussed at length as if it only allowed for law enforcement officers employed by the Office of the Attorney General, to receive equitable compensation and leave when compared to other law enforcement personnel at the state level. However, it would allow officers to pool leave time that could be used to lobby the legislature. YCT opposes the creation of 'legislative leave pools' which ultimately result in taxpayer-funded lobbying on behalf of law enforcement associations from various agencies.

8. HB 2350 Third Reading

Passage; April 16, 2015; RV #242; Journal Page 1609; 113 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2350 increases the amount the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority can fund to guarantee loans by a multiple of three times. YCT believes the state should not be in the business of making loans.

9. HB 40 Third Reading

Passage; April 20, 2015; RV #285; Journal Page 1718; 125 Yeas, 20 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill ensures that oil and gas operation falls under state jurisdiction and that local entities cannot develop certain ordinances to regulate oil and gas operation. YCT believes that clarification of the role of government agencies will prevent local entities from hindering the state economy as a whole.

10. HB 1690 Third Reading

Passage; April 21, 2015; RV #309; Journal Page 1765; 95 Yeas, 49 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill would have established the Public Integrity Unit within the Texas Ranger Division of the Department of Public Safety. It would have required that in the event any alleged offenses were discovered, that the case would be transferred to the official's county or judicial district of residence. YCT supports improving a fair process for alleged public integrity offenses by decentralizing the power of one county in the State of Texas.

11. HB 700 Third Reading

Passage; April 23, 2015; RV #345; Journal Page 1854; 130 Yeas, 10 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 700 relates to the repeal of the 'Texas B-On-Time' student loan program. This bill eliminates an inefficient government student loan program. YCT is hopeful that the public institutions, who benefit from controlling the tuition collected, will continue to use monies set aside to incentivize students to graduate on time and with good grades. YCT remains apprehensive that a repeat of the 2003 spending from that of 'deregulation', which resulted in skyrocketed tuition costs, will once again encourage increased spending on construction and administrative bloat.

12. HB 409 2nd Reading

Passage; April 27, 2015; RV #397; Journal Page 2000; 52 Yeas, 86 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 409 would have required bars and establishments that serve primarily alcohol to maintain liability insurance or file a bond with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). This is an unfunded mandate increasing the control that government regulatory arms such as the TABC have over private businesses and could potentially be likened to that of 'ObamaCare' for bars. YCT has long been a proponent of personal responsibility and believes that people have the ability to choose what establishment they attend and therefore incur the risk and potential liability of their decision.

13. HB 324 Third Reading

Passage; April 28, 2015; RV #406; Journal Page 2018; 145 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 324 prohibits a peace officer from conducting any body cavity search without a search warrant. YCT strongly supports the Fourth Amendment and believes it is imperative that these searches, if required, be conducted hygienically and with care and discretion.

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14. HB 32 Second Reading

Passage; April 28, 2015; RV #423; Journal Page 2054; 116 Yeas, 29 Nays, 0 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill gradually phases out the Franchise Tax by lowering the tax rate. YCT has long supported the end of the Franchise Tax and included it in the priorities for the 84th Legislative Session.

15. HB 737 Third Reading

Passage; April 29, 2015; RV #439; Journal Page 2082; 99 Yeas, 37 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 737 would have created an additional government entity, the 'Regional Emergency Communication Districts', without clearly showing whether such entity is needed. This bill did not have an apparent fiscal note, if a new entity is created without a clear directive and justification for its existence, then it may inevitably seek state funds to be appropriated in future sessions.

16. SB 1191 Third Reading

Passage; May 1, 2015; RV #513; Journal Page 2296; 114 Yeas, 19 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 1191 increases the amount of monies that go to public higher education institutions that receive funding through the Higher Education Fund. YCT opposes this bill because it increases allocations without first demanding reforms as to the use of the funds. YCT has on many occasions opposed the frivolous use of funding at institutions of higher education, especially while they consistently increase tuition costs after 'tuition deregulation' in 2003.

17. HB 2267 Second Reading

Passage; May 1, 2015; RV #518; Journal Page 2335; 61 Yeas, 67 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2267 would have created a new regulation requiring an anesthesiologist assistant to obtain a license to practice. YCT has consistently been opposed to increasing regulations on professional's scope of practice and additional licensure requirements.

18. HB 1155 Third Reading

Passage; May 4, 2015; RV #525; Journal Page 2354; 92 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1155 would have used taxpayer money to create a 'Recruit Texas Program' to incentivize corporations to relocate to or expand business in Texas. YCT opposes any program that encourages corporate welfare. YCT believes that the Texas economy can stand on its own merits and attract businesses and private companies without the need for such a program.

19. HB 3036 Third Reading

Passage; May 5, 2015; RV #592; Journal Page 2483; 140 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill calls for a study on potential savings to the state by the expansion of Medicaid Managed Care in Texas. YCT opposes the expansion of Medicaid and assumes that calling for a study of the hypothetical situation in which Texas expands the number of persons served and scope of services provided could only lead to potential legislation in future sessions. This bill was put on the Local & Consent Calendar. According to the House Rules the definition of "Local" as it applies to the Local & Consent Calendar is as follows: *RULE 3 Sec. 27 (1) The placement on appropriate calendars of bills and resolutions that, in the opinion of the committee, are in fact local or will be uncontested, and have been recommended as such by the standing committee of original jurisdiction.* It is YCT's position that this bill would have statewide implications and therefore, would not make it local in nature. This bill is an example of many pieces of legislation that are passed through the Local and Consent Calendar under the guise of being non-controversial. In reality, they have potential statewide impact and negative effects on many districts around the state.

20. SB 97 Floor Amendment 1

Motion to Table; May 5, 2015; RV #628; Journal Page 2524; 98 Yeas, 45 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. This amendment would have made the potential regulations on Electronic Cigarettes (E-Cigs) palatable by eliminating any criminal penalty for using E-Cigs. YCT supports eliminating criminal penalties on issues which are best decided at the individual level.

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21. HB 460 Third Reading

Passage; May 12, 2015; RV #928; Journal Page 3148; 126 Yeas, 18 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 460 would have allowed a law enforcement officer to effectively shop around for a search warrant to collect a blood specimen from someone suspected of committing an intoxication offense. YCT opposes giving law enforcement power outside of their jurisdiction and has always opposed arbitrary DWI checkpoints.

22. HB 1318 Third Reading

Passage; May 12, 2015; RV #938; Journal Page 3157; 90 Yeas, 54 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1318 would have added presidential general election debates to the approved list of events which could receive Major Events Trust Fund appropriations. YCT does not support 'slush' funds and believes that the economy in Texas is strong enough to attract event venues on its own merit. Further, certain locations of the state should not benefit more than others simply based on the availability of the fund itself.

23. SB 97 Third Reading

Passage; May 12, 2015; RV #968; Journal Page 3181; 119 Yeas, 24 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 97 brings Electronic Cigarettes under existing state tobacco and cigarette provisions. Though there are still quite a few studies being conducted evaluating the pros and cons of Electronic Cigarettes ("E-Cig") use, the legislature passed SB 97 without quantifiable evidence showing E-Cigs truly harm people. YCT does not support creating regulations based on the social stigma of smoking regular cigarettes for people who choose to use E-Cigs.

24. HB 2473 Third Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #997; Journal Page 3284; 81 Yeas, 51 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2473 would have created an 'affordable homeownership assistance program' with leftover money from a joint state-federal settlement. This money is directed to assist certain organizations in creating below-market rate residential mortgage loans to specific neighborhoods. YCT does not believe it is the role of state government to administer any monies related to this grant program or have a role in incentivizing where people live.

25. HB 1267 Third Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #1027; Journal Page 3310; 92 Yeas, 49 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1267 would have extended Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to individuals convicted of felonies, arguing that it would incentivize felons to reintegrate into society. YCT opposes growth or extension by the state to include additional people in an already bloated welfare program.

26. HB 2392 Third Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #1035; Journal Page 3317; 81 Yeas, 59 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2392 would have required the Office of the Comptroller to create a program to issue loans for improvements that increase the energy efficiency of existing residences. The program would have required additional funding to make loans available through the current Federal program but did not include a determination of whether the Federal program would approve the funding.

27. HB 283 Third Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #1042; Journal Page 3323; 143 yeas, 4 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 283 requires certain government entities to make video and audio recordings of open meetings available to the public on the internet and allows for the same entities to broadcast these meetings on television. YCT supports efforts to increase transparency in government.

28. HB 3113 Second Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #1043; Journal Page 3330; 54 Yeas, 88 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 3113 would have expanded the use of hotel occupancy taxes for payment on certain hotel projects in the state. YCT opposes this bill and the many hotel occupancy tax expansions that were proposed this session. These expansions are misleading to residents of the area in which the expansion of the hotel occupancy tax exists. More often than not residents of the affected municipalities have no understanding of the potential increase or its use to create facilities. This, in turn only justifies the municipality in asking for more money later on.

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29. HB 506 Second Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; RV #1054; Journal Page 3373; 49 Yeas, 92 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 506 would have enabled the Office of the Attorney General to allow additional school district bonds under certain circumstances. YCT opposes legislation that would exacerbate the obscene amount of local debt in the state or increase the likelihood that the state and taxpayers would be liable for paying down that debt.

30. HB 3994 Third Reading

Passage; May 14, 2015; RV #1077; Journal Page 3429; 93 Yeas, 46 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 3994 relates to notice of and consent to an abortion for a minor. This bill provides much needed reforms to abortion laws regarding minors. The bill would prevent minors from obtaining direct permission from a judge to receive an abortion as opposed to their parents. YCT supports restricting the ability of an attorney to 'forum-shop' to find someone who will consent to ending life.

31. HB 3396 Second Reading

Passage; May 14, 2015; RV #1086; Journal Page 3456; 54 Yeas, 77 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 3396 increases the cap on direct campaign expenditures made by individuals before requiring a report. YCT supports removing burdensome restraints on average citizens to allow them to exercise free speech. YCT believes individuals should be able to take out small advertisements in newspapers or on the radio without having to file a report.

32. HB 1485 Third Reading

Passage; May 15, 2015; RV #1120; Journal Page 3584; 64 Yeas, 67 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1485 would have created a grocery access investment fund program, enabling financing for new grocery stores and expansion of existing stores in so-called 'underserved' communities and in low to moderate income areas. YCT is opposed to this legislation as it is antithetical to a free-market enterprise system in which demand drives the supply.

33. HB 2703 Third Reading

Passage; May 15, 2015; RV #1142; Journal Page 3610; 97 Yeas, 33 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2703 would have established the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and regulated the practice of behavior analysts by adding a requirement of licensure. YCT has consistently opposed increasing regulations on scope of practice and requirements for additional licensure.

34. HB 964 Third Reading

Passage; May 15, 2015; RV #1154; Journal Page 3624; 70 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill works to weaken protections on rollback property tax rates. YCT opposes this legislation because they believe that when the rate of a tax is in question whether it is an increase or decrease the voters should have a say in any changes.

35. SB 686 Third Reading

Passage; May 18, 2015; RV #1166; Journal Page 3686; 79 Yeas, 57 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 686 uses taxpayer money to fund the Math and Science Scholars Loan Repayment Program which was created in the 83rd Legislative Session, during which it was determined that no funding from General Revenue would go to the fund. YCT opposes this legislation as it is not the proper role of government to incentivize specific employment opportunities on the backs of taxpayers.

36. SB 459 Third Reading

Passage; May 18, 2015; RV #1171; Journal Page 3692; 104 Yeas, 33 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill would amend the Government Code to create an Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs in the Office of the Governor to advise on furthering economic, social, legal, and political contributions and equality of the Hispanic population of Texas. YCT is opposed to this legislation as we do not believe it is the role of government to choose one demographic over another for focusing its efforts.

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37. SB 1252 Motion to Suspend Rules

Motion to Suspend Posting Rule; May 19, 2015; RV #1218; Journal Page 3843; 91 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 1252 would have required the Office of the Governor to organize an Interstate Compact for Border Security among border states which would provide for action, at the State's request, from the U.S. Congress. YCT supports the motion to suspend the posting rule when the House needs to consider important legislation such as this bill, which addresses our border security issues.

38. SB 795 Third Reading

Passage; May 21, 2015; RV #1241; Journal Page 3922; 98 Yeas, 45 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 795 will establish an interstate voter registration crosscheck program to prevent duplicate voter registration in more than one state and clean up voter rolls to prevent against voter fraud. YCT supports legislation that seeks to root out potential voter fraud.

39. SB 2065 Third Reading

Passage; May 22, 2015; RV #1309; Journal Page 4138; 142 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill seeks to protect the religious beliefs and rights of certain religious organizations and individuals from potential civil or criminal action by establishing that they not be required to perform any marriage ceremony that violates a sincerely held religious belief. YCT supports increases protections for religious freedom.

40. SB 757 Third Reading

Passage; May 22, 2015; RV #1316; Journal Page 4144; 106 Yeas, 34 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 757 ends the production tax on crude petroleum and sulphur. YCT supports abolishing tax provisions, particularly when it is determined that cost savings can be obtained without the tax.

41. SB 267 Third Reading

Passage; May 23, 2015; RV #1358; Journal Page 4246; 93 Yeas, 44 nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 267 seeks to protect an individual from a municipality or county imposing ordinances that take away an individual's right to refuse the lease or rent of their property based on whether or not a person can pay the rent. YCT supports protections for the individual and opposes any regulations in which an individual is mandated to accept this risk of liability.

42. SB 374 Third Reading

Passage, May 26, 2015; RV #1522; Journal Page 4686; 122 Yeas, 21 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 374 requires state agencies to participate in the federal E-Verify program to ensure employment eligibility of new employees. YCT supports any legislation that seeks to cut off potential magnets for those who choose to immigrate to Texas illegally, particularly when that magnet is actively promoted by the state.

43. SB 1 Third Reading

Passage; May 25, 2015; RV #1437; Journal Page 4477; 141 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill increases the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and provides for a reduction on the total amount of property tax that can be collected from an elderly or disabled person. YCT has opposed the property tax and the methods used in this state for a long period of time and has included it in our Legislative priorities for repeal or overhaul.

44. SB 19 Floor Amendment 10

Adoption; May 26, 2015; RV #1536; Journal Page 4713; 115 Yeas, 23 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 19 House Amendment 10 sought to grant special privileges to legislators and legislative staff by categorizing their communications as confidential. YCT opposes any effort to reduce transparency in government.

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45. SB 19 Floor Amendment 27

Adoption; May 26, 2015; RV #1541; Journal Page 4734; 33 Yeas, 113 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 19 House Amendment 27 would have eliminated all previously adopted amendments to the overall bill in the House and bring it back to an appropriate ethics bill exactly like the one that passed the Senate. YCT supports this amendment as it eliminates many of the potentially unconstitutional amendments that were adopted in the House version.

46. SB 11 Floor Amendment 1

Adoption; May 26, 2015; RV #1546; Journal Page 4746; 119 Yeas, 29 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This amendment would have allowed for a 2/3 majority decision by respective university board of regents to adopt 'reasonable rules and regulations' as to where individuals could 'Campus Carry' on certain public college campuses if they were licensed to carry a concealed weapon. YCT opposed this amendment because it setup a scapegoat for legislators to essentially support the status quo with regard to Campus Carry by still having the ability to restrict where an individual can defend themselves. This amendment was changed in the Senate to allow university presidents to instead determine where an individual can carry legally. YCT opposes any attempt to water down Campus Carry and has long believed that an individual should have the right to protect oneself anywhere on a college campus if licensed appropriately.

47. SB 19 Third Reading

Passage; May 27, 2015; RV #1558; Journal Page 4820; 94 Yeas, 49 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill ultimately worked to suppress a citizen's right to free speech and association by the time it went through the legislative process in the House. YCT opposed this legislation as it did not reflect the sensible ethics reform that the Senate initially passed at the Governor's request. The House version disguised the many unconstitutional attacks in the individual's ethics reform and the actions of several legislators are deplorable.

48. HB 910 Motion to Concur

Motion to Concur; May 27, 2015; RV #1585; Journal Page 4866; 63 Yeas, 79 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill enables an individual to carry a handgun openly in a holster in any location in which an individual can carry concealed when licensed. YCT supports ensuring an individual's right to protect oneself.

49. SB 11 CCR

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 31, 2015; RV #1763; Journal Page 5723; 98 Yeas, 47 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill allows an individual to protect oneself if licensed to carry a concealed weapon. YCT supports ensuring an individual's right to protect oneself. YCT opposes the ability of the university to establish particular rules regulating specific locations in which an individual can carry on campus. YCT is hopeful that the issue will be addressed in future legislative sessions to get rid of such restrictions. YCT believes that allowing individual campuses to set different regulations will provide for a confusing and conflicting set of regulations that will vary across the state while still ensuring that an individual loses the right to protect oneself on certain areas of the campus.

50. HB 2804 CCR

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 31, 2015; RV #1807; Journal Page 5886; 119 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill creates a simple evaluation system for public school performance using A through F ratings. YCT supports legislation that increases accountability of public education.

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D	131	Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	16	18	-2	14
D	104	Alonzo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	8	8	11
D	145	Alvarado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	14	2	13
D	103	Anchia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	9	7	2	13	
R	56	Anderson, C.	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	75	-27	76	
R	105	Anderson, R.	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	82	R	R	77	
R	57	Ashby	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	59	-11	54	
R	54	Aycock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	40	53	-13	66	
R	3	Bell	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	74	70	4	72	
D	123	Bernal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17	R	R	R	
D	76	Blanco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	R	R	R	
R	138	Bohac	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	63	67	-4	69	
R	25	Bonnen, D.	-	-	+	+	NV	NV	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	71	66	5	76	
R	24	Bonnen, G.	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	78	82	-4	80	
R	113	Burkett	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	NV	-	-	-	48	73	-25	65	

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R		58 Burns	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	74	R	R	R	
R		83 Burrows	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	80	R	R	R		
R		112 Button	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	AU	64	71	-7	69
D		40 Canales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	12	4	14		
R		98 Capriglione	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	92	-29	78		
R		11 Clardy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	59	-13	53		
D		147 Coleman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	14	12	2	11	
D		95 Collier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	-2	11		
R		8 Cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	48	44	4	66		
R		82 Craddick	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	72	67	5	86		
R		64 Crownover	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	51	55	-4	72		
R		17 Cyrier	AE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	71	R	R	R		
R		136 Dale	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	AE	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	50	73	-23	62		
R		72 Darby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	50	52	-2	63		
R		134 Davis, S.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	39	44	-5	48		

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			-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
D		22 Deshotel	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	0	22	
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D		46 Dukes	-	AE	AE	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AU	AU	+	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AE	AE	AU	AU	AU	AU	2	15	-13	11		
			AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AE	AE	AE	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU	-	AU	AU	AU	AU	AU						
D		142 Dutton	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	16	16	15	
			-	+	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+						
R		135 Elkins	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	AU	AU	66	65	1	80	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+						
R		23 Faircloth	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	54	R	R	R	
			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+						
R		106 Fallon	+	AE	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	85	92	-7	89	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
D		118 Farias	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	12	2	18	
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R		20 Farney	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	53	-11	48	
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D		148 Farrar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	16	12	4	9	
			-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-						
D		116 Martinez Fischer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	14	2	16	
			-	+	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-						
R		130 Fletcher	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	64	78	-14	78	
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R		2 Flynn	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	76	87	-11	86	
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R		69 Frank	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	AU	+	63	80	-17	72
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R		84 Frullo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	48	63	-15	62	
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R		117 Galindo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	R	R	R
R		99 Geren	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	60	43	17	56
D		109 Giddings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	12	4	16
R		97 Goldman	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	74	92	-18	83
R		52 Gonzales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	41	66	-25	58
D		75 González	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	0	10
D		41 Guerra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	20	13	7	17
D		31 Guillen	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	30	-4	34
D		119 Gutierrez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	17	-3	16
R		126 Harless	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	51	53	-2	64
D		143 Hernandez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	11	5	10
D		34 Herrero	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	AU	+	-	-	-	-	AU	AE	-	-	19	27	-8	21
D		48 Howard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	13	-1	12
R		127 Huberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	AE	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	AU	-	54	58	-4	62
R		5 Hughes	+	AE	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	78	8	85

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R		32 Hunter	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	60	59	1	56	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+					
R		45 Isaac	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	57	72	-15	68	
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D		50 Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	R	R	R	
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D		100 Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AE	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	19	-10	18	
			-	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
R		12 Kacal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	49	47	2	48	
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R		60 Keffer	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	CH	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	51	49	2	69	
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R		15 Keough	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	R	R	R	
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R		88 King, K.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	50	-13	44	
			-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	+	+					
R		61 King, P.	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	59	86	-27	77	
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R		71 King, S.	-	-	+	+	AE	AE	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	50	52	-2	59	
			-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	AU	-	+	AE	+	+	AU	AE	+	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+					
D		80 King, T.	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	27	3	35	
			-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	AU	-	-	-	+	+					
R		91 Klick	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	88	0	88	
			+	+	+	+	AE	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R		102 Koop	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	48	R	R	R	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+					
R		93 Krause	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	96	95	1	96	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R		44 Kuempel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	52	55	-3	58	
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R		122 Larson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	-	AE	-	-	-	-	+	-	AU	+	48	53	-5	57
R		89 Laubenberg	-	AE	-	+	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	74	91	-17	89	
R		67 Leach	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	88	83	5	86
D		35 Longoria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	AE	-	+	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	16	4	18	
R		43 Lozano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	0	37	
D		38 Lucio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	10	7	16	
D		77 Márquez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NV	+	-	+	-	CH	+	-	-	-	AE	-	CH	-	-	-	CH	CH	19	13	6	16
D		39 Martinez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	0	23	
D		120 McClendon	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	-	21	20	1	16
R		16 Metcalf	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	76	R	R	R
R		108 Meyer	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	58	R	R	R
D		146 Miles	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	NV	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	18	9	9	16	
R		73 Miller, D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	42	53	-11	58
R		26 Miller, R.	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	48	65	-17	57

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D		124 Minjarez	AE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	R	R	R	
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE					
D		78 Moody	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	15	-3	17	
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
R		30 Morrison	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	63	-21	67	
			AU	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+					
D		36 Muñoz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AE	+	AE	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	22	-6	22	
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
R		133 Murphy	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50	57	-7	65	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	-	-	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+				
R		53 Murr	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	80	R	R	R	
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D		49 Naishtat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	8	6	10	
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D		74 Nevárez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	AE	AE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	14	3	16	
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D		37 Oliveira	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	10	12	19	
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+				
R		18 Otto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	49	41	8	65	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+					
R		9 Paddie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	+	52	62	-10	57
			+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+					
R		63 Parker	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	64	73	-9	81	
			AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+					
R		129 Paul	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	70	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+					
R		144 Peña	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	R	R	R	
			-	+	-	+	AE	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	-	-	-	+	-	+					
R		21 Phelan	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	67	R	R	R	
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R		62 Phillips	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	70	75	-5	83	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-						
D		79 Pickett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	28	-8	26	
			-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+					
R		87 Price	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	50	-12	53		
			AU	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	AE	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-					
R		14 Raney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	47	47	0	47	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+					
D		42 Raymond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	0	26		
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-					
D		27 Reynolds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	10	7	16		
			-	+	+	-	-	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+					
R		150 Riddle	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	54	-6	76		
			-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+					
R		115 Rinaldi	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	98	R	R	R		
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
D		51 Rodriguez, E.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	0	14		
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-					
D		125 Rodriguez, J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	3	9		
			-	+	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-						
D		90 Romero	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	18	R	R	R		
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-					
D		110 Rose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	13	3	15		
			-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-					
R		70 Sanford	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	-	+	-	-	+	80	83	-3	82		
			AU	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R		6 Schaefer	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	94	95	-1	95		
			+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R		132 Schofield	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	70	R	R	R		
			+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+						

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R		13 Schubert	AE	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	63	R	R	R		
			-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+						
R		66 Shaheen	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	92	R	R	R		
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+						
R		107 Sheets	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	CH	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	CH	-	CH	CH	CH	+	+	61	69	-8	67	
			+	+	+	+	+	CH	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	CH	+	+	+	-	CH	-	CH	-	+	+					
R		59 Sheffield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	33	37	-4	35	
			-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
R		65 Simmons	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	64	82	-18	73	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+					
R		7 Simpson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	90	88	2	90	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-					
R		128 Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	45	3	70	
			-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+					
R		86 Smithee	-	-	AE	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	60	74	-14	81	
			AU	+	+	+	+	-	AU	AE	AE	+	+	AU	AE	+	+	AE	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+						
R		4 Spitzer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	R	R	R	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+					
R		68 Springer	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	68	88	-20	78	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+					
R		85 Stephenson	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	55	-13	49	
			-	+	-	+	AE	AE	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+					
R		92 Stickland	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	97	3	99	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					
R		121 Straus	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	68
			SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP					
R		29 Thompson, E.	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	+	65	73	-8	69	
			+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+					
D		141 Thompson, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	15	7	14	
			-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	AU	-	+	-	+	-						

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R		94 Tinderholt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	96	R	R	R
D		101 Turner, C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	8	5	11
R		33 Turner, E.S.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	94	90	4	92
D		139 Turner, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	18	16	2	17
R		1 VanDeaver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	AE	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	51	R	R	R
R		114 Villalba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	58	-16	50
D		149 Vo	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	18	1	25
D		140 Walle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	15	2	15
R		19 White, J.	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	82	80	2	81
R		55 White, M.	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	R	R	R
R		47 Workman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AE	AE	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	53	58	-5	62
R		10 Wray	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	72	R	R	R
D		137 Wu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	8	6	11
R		96 Zedler	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	AU	+	84	90	-6	86
R		28 Zerwas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	40	0	56

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Senate Vote Descriptions

1. SR 39 Section 5

Adoption; January 21, 2015; Journal Page 54; 20 Yeas, 10 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Eliminates the 2/3 rule which essentially sets up the entire legislative session to 'streamline' Conservative lead legislation to make it to the Senate floor without being blocked. Historically, this rule has acted as a Democratic veto over all legislation. YCT supports the use of this new rule to prevent Senate procedure from hindering good legislation from being deliberated.

2. SB 1 Third Reading

Passage; March 25, 2015; Journal Page 583; 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill increases the Homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and provides for a reduction on the total amount of property tax that can be collected from an elderly or disabled person. YCT has always opposed the property tax and the method by which it is collected in this state for a long time. It is included in our legislative priorities for repeal or overhaul.

3. SB 11 Third Reading

Passage; March 19, 2015; Journal Page 506; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill allows an individual to protect oneself if licensed to carry a concealed weapon on a public university or college campus. YCT supports ensuring an individual's right to protect oneself.

4. SB 652 Third Reading

Passage; March 25, 2015; Journal Page 578; 23 Yeas, 8 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill clarifies that, under Texas law, a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee's employees for the following purposes: employment discrimination law, wage and hour law, minimum wage law, professional employer organization law, unemployment law, workers compensation law, and workplace safety law. This bill encourages franchisees to act responsibly; and, ensures that Texas franchisors are not unfairly held liable for the actions of franchisees; thus, helping to prevent frivolous lawsuits. YCT supports legislation protecting business owners from unneeded regulation.

5. SB 7 - Fraser Amendment

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

YCT Nay. This amendment was an attempt to strip Senator Huffines Amendment which called for the eventual phase out of the franchise tax over time at very specific rates of decrease. YCT opposes this amendment and any attempt to salvage the franchise tax and its eventual phase out or repeal.

6. SB 6 Third Reading

Passage; March 31, 2015; Journal Page 649; 20 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill creates a simple evaluation system for public school performance using A through F ratings. YCT supports legislation that increases accountability of public education.

7. SB 519 Third Reading

Passage; April 1, 2015; Journal Page 667; 26 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill creates a new registration regulation for Dental Support Organizations, requiring them to register an occupational license annually with the Secretary of State and provide basic information to the state. YCT opposes additional unneeded regulations.

8. SB 267 Third Reading

Passage; April 7, 2015; Journal Page 678; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill prohibits cities from forcing apartment complexes to accept federal housing vouchers. YCT supports the right of a business to analyze and choose potential risks and liabilities to that business.

9. SB 611 Third Reading

Passage; April 7, 2015; Journal Page 684; 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 611 relates to the confidentiality of certain water well reports. This bill requires that a groundwater conservation district, upon receipt of a request of confidentiality and subsequently discloses groundwater production information contained in the groundwater withdrawal reports to release the information in a manner that prevents the identification of an individual well owner or operator or the parcel of land on which the well is located. YCT supports legislation that ensures protections for private property owners.

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10. SB 893 Third Reading

Passage; April 7, 2015; Journal Page 690; 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill removes the minimum teacher salary schedule and reforms teacher performance appraisals. YCT supports the idea of merit-based pay for our public school teachers and increased accountability.

11. SB 359 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; Journal Page 727; 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 359 allows physicians to initiate a temporary, four-hour hold of a patient with mental illness who is judged to be a danger to self or others only if the governing body of a facility adopts a policy permitting the hold to allow necessary crisis psychiatric care. YCT opposes legislation that gives preferential authorities to that of doctors, over that of a parent, and especially legislation that infringes upon the 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

12. SB 474 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; Journal Page 736; 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 474 relates to the recovery of costs and fees in connection with certain eminent domain proceedings. This bill requires condemners to reimburse property owners for attorney and professional fees in eminent domain case proceedings where it is determined that the condemners lowest offer for the property is 20% or more lower than the amount determined by a special commissioner or other court. YCT supports legislation that ensures protections for private property owners.

13. SB 10 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; Journal Page 755; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill would have established the Public Integrity Unit within the Texas Ranger Division of the Department of Public Safety. It would have required that in the event any alleged offenses were discovered, that the case would be transferred to the officials county or judicial district of residence. YCT supports improving a fair process for alleged public integrity offenses by decentralizing the power of one county in the State of Texas.

14. SB 408 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; Journal Page 755; 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill extends the current practice of awarding preferential contracts to local bidders by local municipalities over that of counties. YCT opposes enabling continued cronyism and believes that contracts should be given to businesses deemed capable of performing the best job at the lowest cost to the taxpayer.

15. SB 9 Third Reading

Passage; April 9, 2015; Journal Page 756; 19 Yeas, 12 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill caps spending at the rate of population growth plus inflation. YCT supports increased fiscal responsibility

16. SB 106 Third Reading

Passage; April 15, 2015; Journal Page 920; 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill ultimately decriminalizes truancy by completely repealing current law related to that of truancy and creating an entirely new civil process. YCT supports the decrease of exposure of Texas youth to the Texas Criminal Justice System. YCT believes in establishing a proactive system that identifies issues that cause student truancy then works toward the goal of preventing these issues in the future.

17. SB 4 Motion to Suspend Rules

Motion to Suspend the regular order of business to take up for consideration CSSB 4; April 21, 2015; Journal Page 1017; 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill would have enabled School Choice while using Insurance Premium or Franchise Tax credits to incentivize its funding. YCT supports School Choice and supports the Motion to Suspend the regular order of business to take up and consider the bill as opposed to the 3rd reading of the bill. It remained unclear as to whether the bill itself would potentially institutionalize the Franchise Tax, making it more difficult to repeal or phase out, which YCT would be against.

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18. SB 498 Third Reading

Passage; April 21, 2015; Journal Page 1025; 24 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would continue access to the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) program which would have otherwise expired at the end of this year (2015). This bill also authorized waivers from certain TWIA requirements for certain coastal residents. YCT opposes this legislation as it is anti-free market and also gives preferential treatment to a specific area of the state at the expense of tax payers statewide.

19. SB 476 Third Reading

Passage; April 22, 2015; Journal Page 1041; 23 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill reduces restrictions on owning NFA firearms and accessories to include suppressors. YCT supports legislation reducing restrictions on firearms and firearm accessories.

20. SB 526 Third Reading

Passage; April 22, 2015; Journal Page 1047; 23 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This bill removes the anti-competitive cap on package store ownership and will allow individuals to operate under the same set of regulations. YCT supports any increase to competition in the marketplace and any attempt to help bolster the state's economy.

21. SB 795 Third Reading

Passage; April 23, 2015; Journal Page 1084; 25 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 795 will establish an interstate voter registration crosscheck program to prevent duplicate voter registration in more than one state and clean up voter rolls to prevent against voter fraud. YCT supports legislation that seeks to root out potential voter fraud.

22. SB 778 - Ellis Amendment

Motion to Table; April 30, 2015; Journal Page 1226; 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. This amendment would have frozen tuition at current levels at public universities and colleges and required that a university or college go through the legislature to get approval to increase the rate of tuition. YCT has opposed the misnamed and misleading 'tuition deregulation' and believes that the legislature should have control over setting tuition rates at public universities and colleges. YCT does not support the current 'fox guarding the henhouse scenario'.

23. HB 40 Third Reading

Passage; May 4, 2015; Journal Page 1290; 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill ensures that oil and gas operation falls under state jurisdiction and that local entities cannot develop certain ordinances to regulate oil and gas operation. YCT believes that clarification of the role of government agencies will prevent local entities from hindering the state economy as a whole.

24. SB 459 Third Reading

Passage; May 5, 2015; Journal Page 1324; 23 Yeas, 8 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would amend the Government Code to create an Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs in the Office of the Governor to advise on furthering the economic, social, legal, and political contributions and equality of the Hispanic population of Texas. YCT is opposed to this legislation as we do not believe it is the role of government to choose one demographic over another for focusing its efforts.

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25. SB 1735 Third Reading

Passage; May 5, 2015; Journal Page 1331; 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill promoted fiscal responsibility in that it attempted to remedy a system which was originally designed to aid in the tuition costs for military members who enlisted in the state of Texas. YCT supports legislation that encourages fiscal responsibility and applauds those members that voted in favor of this legislation knowing the future political battle and tenuous nature of which this subject is handled. YCT believes that the so called 'legacy benefits' were never intended to be a part of the Hazelwood funding system and that it should not have been added to the system without an appropriate source or funding. YCT supports the programs existence and believes that if the program stays in its current form it is on an unsustainable track financially and could potentially destroy the program altogether.

26. SB 575 Third Reading

Passage; May 6, 2015; Journal Page 1377; 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill would prohibit coverage of elective abortions being provided by the Texas insurance exchange created under 'Obamacare'. It would also prohibit coverage of elective abortions from private insurance plans and various state employee medical plans. It would enable an opportunity for supplemental coverage for abortion to be offered to an employee. YCT supports legislation ensuring that tax payers are not funding the egregious and barbaric practice of abortion.

27. SB 723 Third Reading

Passage; May 7, 2015; Journal Page 1409; 10 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill requires non-recipient parents, also known as child-only cases, to meet mandatory employment or employment training requirements in order to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits. YCT supports legislation ensuring that those that benefit from government welfare programs be accountable and have 'skin in the game' in order to receive said benefits.

28. SB 1968 Third Reading

Passage; May 7, 2015; Journal Page 1426; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill puts in place important reforms to forming and participating in a union in this state. It protects employers, keeps state resources from funding political campaigns, and protects non-union employers from potential intimidation from union representatives during mandatory federal inspections. This bill also prohibits all state, county, and municipal governmental entities from directly collecting union dues and political contributions from employee paychecks. YCT supports additional protections for businesses and ensuring a fair process by those who choose to affiliate or not affiliate with a union. YCT supports ending the collusion between bureaucracies and public employee unions.

29. SB 1252 Third Reading

Passage; May 7, 2015; Journal Page 1429; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 1252 would have required the Office of the Governor to organize an Interstate Compact for Border Security among border states, which would provide for action, at the State's request, from the U.S. Congress. YCT supports the motion to suspend the posting rule when the House needs to consider important legislation such as this bill, which addresses our border security issues.

30. SB 1242 Third Reading

Passage; May 7, 2015; Journal Page 1429; 18 Yeas, 13 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would require scrap tire; or, used tire generators who store scrap or used tires, to store them in a secure manner locked away during non-business hours. The bill adds specific definitions for the sale, storage, transportation, and disposal of scrap tires or used tire transporters. It would prohibit a customer from retaining a scrap tire removed from the customer's vehicle during the purchase of a tire from a retail seller unless the customer certifies they will assume liability for disposal of the tire as prescribed by TCEQ. YCT opposes increased regulations on private businesses.

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31. SB 374 Third Reading

Passage; May 7, 2015; Journal Page 1430; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 374 requires state agencies to participate in the federal E-Verify program to ensure employment eligibility of new employees. YCT supports any legislation that seeks to cut off potential magnets for those who choose to immigrate to Texas illegally, particularly when that magnet is actively promoted by the state.

32. SB 234 Third Reading

Passage; May 11, 2015; Journal Page 1453; 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill seeks to create a park along the San Marcos river between Caldwell and Guadalupe counties but allows for greater land acquisition once it is initially established via a petition by voters of a county election precinct. YCT opposes legislation that adds additional regulations and potential eminent domain authority to non-existent districts in the future.

33. SB 2046 Third Reading

Passage; May 11, 2015; Journal Page 1473; 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill allows home school children to participate in UIL athletics. YCT supports legislation ensuring that families who pay taxes for the facilities used by these athletics programs have the ability to use them.

34. SB 161 Third Reading

Passage; May 11, 2015; Journal Page 1490; 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would have called for a study to determine the cost of educating students of limited English proficiency. YCT opposes this legislation because it sets up potential legislation in the future to spend more money in public schools.

35. SB 2065 Third Reading

Passage; May 12, 2015; Journal Page 1514; 21 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill seeks to protect the religious beliefs and rights of certain religious organizations and individuals from potential civil or criminal action by establishing that they not be required to perform any marriage ceremony that violates a sincerely held religious belief. YCT supports increased protections for religious freedom.

36. SB 1408 Third Reading

Passage; May 13, 2015; Journal Page 1565; 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would have modified the Agriculture Code by adding a series of new sections establishing a community development matching grant program set on assisting certain rural communities. The bill would use Texas Department of Agriculture funds to match funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. YCT opposes this legislation because it picks winners and losers and makes taxpayers responsible for selected communities statewide.

37. SB 2063 Second Reading

Passage; May 14, 2015; Journal Page 1605; 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would subsidize the repair of homes through a pilot program and put the families that reside in those homes in new homes for up to two years while their original homes are being repaired at no cost to those families. YCT is opposed to this legislation as it would come at a cost to taxpayers statewide.

38. HB 100 Third Reading

Passage; May 19, 2015; Journal Page 1699; 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. Tuition Revenue Bonds are said to be used for capital projects and construction at many of the public universities in the state. YCT has long been against what was misleadingly dubbed as 'Tuition Deregulation' where almost overnight tuition costs exponentially increased. Public universities are very misleading to incoming college applicants where they justify tuition costs based on the projects incurred at the university while also taking additional money from TRBs which are paid for by state taxpayers. A vote in favor of TRBs is a vote in favor of increasing the state's debt liability at a cost of approximately half a billion dollars.

39. SB 1568 Third Reading

Passage; May 21, 2015; Journal Page 1792; 20 Yeas, 10 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. This bill would amend the Education Code to increase the maximum maturity period of a serial installment from 15 years to 20 years; and, increase the outstanding value from \$1 million to \$2 million for interest-bearing time warrants issued by a school district. YCT opposes legislation that shifts away from fiscal responsibility and accountability.

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40. HB 700 Third Reading

Passage; May 22, 2015; Journal Page 1875; 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 700 relates to the repeal of the Texas B-On-Time student loan program. This bill eliminates an inefficient government student loan program. YCT is hopeful that the public institutions, who benefit from controlling the tuition collected, will continue to use monies set aside to incentivize students to graduate on time with good grades. YCT remains apprehensive that a repeat of the 2003 spending from that of 'deregulation' which resulted in skyrocketed tuition costs will once again encourage increased spending on construction and administrative bloat.

41. HB 910 – Huffines Amendment

Adoption; May 22, 2015; Journal Page 1900; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. This amendment prohibits police from stopping to inquire as to a person's possession of a handgun license solely because the person is carrying a shoulder or belt holster for a partially or wholly visible handgun. YCT supports ensuring an individual's right to protect oneself especially unimpeded by law enforcement when lawfully carrying.

42. HB 731 Third Reading

Passage; May 24, 2015; Journal Page 1988; 23 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would enable school districts operating an early college high school to receive additional half-day Foundation School Program funding for low-income pre-kindergarten students. For every high school student who graduates early after three years, the district will receive funding for two low-income pre-k students. YCT opposes the use of potential cost savings on public education on what would be viewed as daycare for a select group of people.

43. HB 32 – Huffines Amendment

Motion to Table; May 24, 2015; Journal Page 2014; 22 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Oppose Motion to Table. This Amendment would have established a rate in which the Franchise Tax would have been phased out over time ensuring its eventual repeal. YCT opposes the motion to table this amendment as we wholeheartedly support the removal of the Franchise Tax in this state.

44. SB 1639 Third Reading

Passage; May 24, 2015; Journal Page 2022; 16 Yeas, 14 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill would make three major changes to the ways municipalities make annexations. 1) Reduce the voluntary annexation process from 90 to 14 days provided there is a landowner agreement. 2) Eliminate limited purpose annexation. 3) Create a process by which city initiated annexation could be vetted by property owners. YCT supports this legislation protecting private property owners.

45. HB 1295 Third Reading

Passage; May 25, 2015; Journal Page 2144; 30 Yeas, 1 Nay

YCT Yea. This bill seeks to increase government transparency by requiring all contracts with government entities, municipalities, counties, school districts, or special purpose districts to include a Certificate of Interested Parties, which is to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission along with a list of individuals having a financial interest in the contract. YCT supports legislation that increases transparency in government.

46. HB 3618 Third Reading

Passage; May 25, 2015; Journal Page 2153; 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill makes it a Class C Misdemeanor for a person to camp or build a fire in a dry riverbed in certain parts of the Blanco River. YCT opposes ridiculous criminal penalties.

47. HB 483 Third Reading

Passage; May 26, 2015; Journal Page 2269; 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill allows for the creation of a state bullion depository. YCT supports legislation ensuring that Texas maintains control of its economic power and capital.

48. HB 3994 Third Reading

Passage; May 26, 2015; Journal Page 2343; 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 3994 relates to notice of and consent to an abortion for a minor. This bill provides much needed reforms to abortion laws regarding minors. The bill would prevent minors from obtaining direct permission from a judge to receive an abortion as opposed to their parents. YCT supports restricting the ability of an attorney to 'forum-shop' to find someone who will consent to ending life.

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49. HB 11 Third Reading

Passage; May 27, 2015; Journal Page 2402; 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Yea. This bill provides much needed resources to the Department of Public Safety in addressing border security operations on and along the Texas-Mexico border to include equipment and personnel. YCT supports legislation addressing this critical issue in the best interest of capturing the attention of the federal government.

50. SB 1624 Motion to Concur

Motion to Concur; May 30, 2015; Journal Page 3485; 20 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Nay. This bill would require that every incoming freshman to a public university or college take a suicide prevention training program, similar to that of the six hour alcohol awareness course, currently required. YCT opposes the government believing it has a role in preventing tragedies such as suicide and also opposes the motion to concur as the bill was stripped of its 15 minute time limit when it went through the House.

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