

Texas Young Americans for Freedom has prepared its "Guide to the 65th Texas Legislature" as a public service to the citizens of Texas so that they may be better informed as to the activities of the Legislature and specifically the activities of individual lawmakers.

In order to meet this objective, Texas Young Americans for Freedom has prepared a Legislative Rating Index (Page 2) of the recorded votes of the state legislators for the purpose of exposing the record to the public so that they can better understand the nature of their representation. Without such an index, citizens must cast their votes on the basis of campaign propaganda, party affiliation, and personal connections. YAF hopes this index will supplement these considerations and provide a different indication of the nature of a legislator.

The Rating Index, moreover, is not for the purpose of endorsement of any party. The Index applies equally to all legislators and is clearly for the public's information.

In addition, T.Y.A.F. has included an overview of the Legislature in the hope of providing the public with the proper perspective.

# YAF's Guide to the 65th Legislature



# Classification and Description of the House Bills

1. 5 pts. Sales Tax Reduction--Motion to table amendment to C.S.H.B. 1 which reduces state sales tax from 4% to 3%. February 21. Record #8. Motion passed 83 yea, 56 nay, 2 NV. YAF--NO, YAF believes taxes should be reduced whenever possible to inhibit increases in government spending.
2. 5 pts. H.B.2112 Bill to buy 4 acres of land in Houston's 5th ward for the purpose of establishing a park. April 6. Record #20. Vote failed 59 yea, 75 nay, 9 NV. YAF--NO. \$200,000 an acre excessive for land in a junkyard. States should leave parks in Houston to the city.
3. 5 pts. C.S.H.B. 444 Displaced Homemakers--creates pilot service centers for displaced homemakers. April 7. Record #15. Passed 100 yea, 32 nay, 18 NV. YAF--NO. This area is the responsibility of local governments and private agencies.
4. 5 pts. H.B. 1574 Laetrile--Bill to legalize Laetrile for limited use under certain conditions. April 19. Record # 27. Bill passed 133 yea, 8 nay, 2 NV. YAF--YES. YAF believes individuals, not government, should determine whether or not they will use drugs such as Laetrile.
5. 5 pts. Budget Increase--Reyes Amendment to H.S.R. 5 would raise member's budget from \$3,000 to \$3,500 a month. January 11. Record #2. Fails 58 yes, 91 nay. YAF--NO. Increase excessive and unneeded.
6. 5 pts. S.B. 198 Motorcycle Helmets--Bill to legalize motorcycling without a helmet. May 10. Record #17. Adopted 85 yea, 58 nay, 1 N.V. YAF--YES. YAF believes citizens, not government, should decide whether or not they will utilize safety equipment.
7. 5 pts. H.B. 1228 E.E.O.C.--Bill sets up agency to implement affirmative action. May 11. Record #24. Adopted 75 yea, 63 nay, 1 NV. YAF--NO. Could lead to quotas, which YAF believes are discriminatory.
8. 5 pts. Presnal Amendment to C.S.H.B. 510--Reduces appropriations by \$96.2 million. April 28. Record #7. Passed 112 yea, 31 nay, 1 NV. YAF--YES. Helps curb excessive spending.
9. 5 pts. Fox amendment to H.B. 179 requiring additional voter safeguards on granting ordinance making power. March 29. Adopted 87 yea, 50 nay, 12 N.V. YAF--YES. Assures that citizens do not have more government.
10. 5 pts. H.B. 1875 Abortion--Prevents abortions after the 27th week of pregnancy. May 11. Record #40. Passed 99 yea, 32 nay, 8 NV. YAF--YES.
11. 5 pts. H.B. 1472 Allows cities to award contracts on basis of minority status, rather than merit. May 24. Record #18. Passed 96 yea, 44 nay, 2 NV. YAF--NO. YAF is against any type of discrimination.
12. 5 pts. Rains' motion to table Coleman-Coody amendment to C.S.H.B. 750 which requires the state to fund full day kindergarten under the Foundation School program. April 13. Record #14. Passed 78 yea, 67 nay, 1 not voting. YAF--YES. Amendment would put state in the day care business.
13. 5 pts. Motion to table Motion to Recommit Peveto Amendment to C.S.H.B. 510 with instructions to cut appropriations \$300 million. April 25. Record #9. YAF--NO. Reduces excessive government spending and growth.
14. 5 pts. Ezzel Amendment as amended to Article of C.S.H.B. 510 reduced welfare appropriations in A.F.D.C. program by \$43.1 million. April 27. Record #15. Passed 88 yes, 57 nay. YAF--YES. Helps curb excessive government spending.
15. 5 pts. Motion to table S.B. 1189--Requires welfare recipients to register with the Texas Employment Commission. May 17. Record #27. Failed 29 yea, 102 nay, 1 NV. YAF--NO. Needed safeguard against welfare fraud.
16. 5 pts. S.B. 156 Evidentiary Search Warrants--Allows police to search of evidence other than contraband. May 11. Record #9. Passed 113 yea, 26 nay, 2 NV. YAF--YES. Good anti-crime bill.
17. 5 pts. C.S.S.B. 157 Oral Confessions--Allows use of oral confessions if recorded electronically. May 19. Record #15. Passed 99 yea, 49 nay, 1 NV. YAF--YES. Good anti-crime bill.
18. 5 pts. H.B. 555 Motion to table H.B. 555 Auto Repair Licensing--Set up license structure for auto repair, including fee. May 17. Record #24. Passed 103 yea, 31 nay, 7 NV. YAF--YES. Unnecessary regulation of the private sector.
19. 5 pts. C.S.H.B. 179 County Ordinance Making Authority. Would grant ordinance making powers to counties. March 29. Record #11. Passed 85 yea, 62 nay. YAF--NO. Creates more government on local level without eliminating it on any other level.
20. 5 pts. Motion to table Florence amendment to H.B. 510. Reduces welfare department employees by 10%. April 26. Record #21. Passed 80 yes, 63 nay. YAF--NO. Helps reduce rapid government growth.

## HOUSE RATING

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	'75	'77
Adams	-	+	-	+	+	-		+	+	+		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	48	70
Agnich	-	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	72	75
Allee	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	24	56
Allen	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	48	42
Allred	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	24	56
Atkinson	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77	85
Baker	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	8	40
Barrientos	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	0	20
Benedict	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	25	
Berlanga	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20	
Bigham	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	50
Bird	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	25	
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Blanton	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	72	
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