

Young Conservatives of Texas

Young Conservatives of Texas has prepared this "rating of the 66th 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, Young Conservatives of Texas has prepared a Legislative Rating Index of the recorded votes of the state legislators for the purpose of presenting the record to the public so that they can better understand the nature of their representation. Without such information, citizens must cast their votes on the basis of campaign propoganda, party affiliation, and personal contacts. YCT hopes this index will supplement these considerations and provide a different indication of the nature of a legislature.

The Rating Index 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.

Rate the 66th Texas Legislature

Young Conservatives of Texas has selected the following bills which it believes accurately serve to gauge a legislator's philosophy in light of YCT's principles.

These bills are the basis of our Legislative Voting Index.

In the Index, "t" indicates that the legislator voted FOR the conservative position as determined by YCT. "-" indicates that the legislator voted AGAINST the conservative position.

A "P" indicates that the legislator was present but did not vote, and an "E" indicates an excused absence. A blank indicates a non-excused absence. No penalty is assessed for excused absences, however, non-excused absences and present not voting are counted as a negative vote.

The higher the score, the better the legislator promotes the conservative position of limited government and individual freedom.

Senate Votes — Senate Bill Descriptions

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	SCORE
Andujar	54
Blake	107
Braecklein	67
Brooks	44
Clover	14
Creighton	86
Doggett	14
Farabee	70
Harris	43
Howard	92
Jones, Gene	14
Jones, Grant	93
Kothmann	36
Longoria	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Mauzy	7
McKnight	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	85
Meser	64
Menglen	100
Moore	96
Ogg	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Parker	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Patman	35
Price	86
Santiesteban	31
Schwartz	14
Short	87
Snelson	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Traeder	86
Truan	7
Vale	31
Williams	50

of schools and further encourages cultural separatism.

9. SB303 This bill mandates that local school boards adopt a tenure policy for teachers, as opposed to present state law which allows school board to establish a tenure policy at their own option. YCT - No. Interferes in local control of education and makes it difficult to discharge incompetent teachers.

10. SB284 Provided that any foreign student convicted of rioting, destruction of property, or desecration of the flag would be expelled from any state university, and would have the additional effect of causing that student to be deported. YCT - Yes.

11. SB117 Defines for abortion purposes exactly when a life comes under legal protection. Thus, this bill tends to protect those children who survive an abortion from being killed or allowed to die of neglect. YCT - Yes.

12. Would have extended comparative negligence or fault to products liability cases provided a "state-of-the-art" at the time of manufacture defense in determining damages. Under present law a manufacturer is strictly liable for injuries caused by his product even if it was modified, altered, abused, or misused by the injured party. YCT - Yes.

13. SB357 Amendments to the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act which eliminates automatic treble damage payments except where fault is proven on the part of the businessman. YCT - Yes. The requirement of automatic treble damages encourages unjustified lawsuits which aim to take advantage of the unusually high damage payments.

14. SB409 This bill would increase the ceiling on interest rates for home mortgages thus allowing the free market to provide loan money at a rate more accurately reflecting the actual cost of money. YCT - Yes. Market should determine interest rates, not government.

1. HCR64 Resolution supporting the International Year of the Child (IYC). The resolution would have morally, but not legally, committed the state to carry out the questionable "goals and objectives" of the U.N. sponsored IYC. YCT - No. Represents government encroachment on the family.

2. CSSB981 Would have authorized electronic surveillance in the area of narcotic violations (except marijuana possession). A court order from the Court of Criminal Appeals would be required to institute the surveillance. YCT - Yes. Good crime prevention measure.

3. CSSB891 Would have allowed a corporation to provide its own workmen's compensation insurance. YCT - Yes.

4. SJR39 Gives the Governor budget execution power and allows him to reduce specific items of appropriation. YCT - Yes. Provides for possible budget reductions.

5. CSSB22 Would prohibit abuse of unemployment compensation by denying compensation payments to those who voluntarily quit their jobs or are fired for theft or gross misconduct. Those denied compensation could be eligible for benefits if they return to work at old or new jobs for 15 weeks. YCT - Yes.

6. HB1052 Bill creating the Texas Human Rights Commission. YCT - No. Provides for more costly state bureaucracy and duplicates existing federal mandates.

7. Amendment to CSHB558 which would have increased the appropriations to the Department of Human Resources by \$116,330,084. YCT - No. Wasteful government spending.

8. CSSB195 MANDATES an extension of bi-lingual education for an additional two grades (4-5) with an allowance that would let the Texas Education Agency require bilingual education in grades 6-12. YCT - No. Damages local control

