

# Young Conservatives of Texas

## Texas Conservative Victory Fund

Young Conservatives of Texas has prepared this "rating of the 67th 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 the voting record of individual lawmakers.

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 be better informed as to the nature of their representation.

The Rating Index is not for the purpose of endorsement of any party, but is intended solely for public information.

# Rates the 67th 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, "+" 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 "E" indicates an excused absence. A blank indicates a non-excused absence. No penalty is assessed for excused absences, however, non-excused absences are counted as a half 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	SCORE
Andujar	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	E	E	+	+	+	100
Blake	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	83
Brooks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Brown	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Caperton	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Doggett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Farabee	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	87
Glasgow	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
Harris	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Howard	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Jones	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Kothmann	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	33
Leedom	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92
Mauzy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
McKnight	-	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	-	+	-	+	37
Meier	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Mengden	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	96
Ogg	-	A	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Parker	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Richards	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Santiesteban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	33
Sarpalius	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	92
Short	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	-	82
Snelson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	92
Traeger	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83
T-wis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
Tuan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	0
Uribe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	19
Vale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Williams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Wilson	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70

tisan ballot. YCT - Yes. Justice should not be administered on a Republican or Democratic basis.

8. Motion to table **Jones Amendment to CSSB 477** This amendment to the Bilingual Education Bill provides that a student who has had four years of bilingual ed may be transferred out into a transitional program. YCT - No. This bill is in keeping with the basic legitimate reason foe bilingual education, to teach the student English, rather that re-enforce the students Spanish knowledge.

9. Motion to table **Leedom Amendment to CSSB 477** This amendment provides that the student's parents must approve his entry or continuance in a bilingual education program. YCT - No.

10. **CSSB 1228** Second Reading. This bill removes the statutory interest rate on personal loans, allowing them to float up to the free market level. YCT - Yes. The only way to see that loans are made is to let the interest rate equal the cost of money. Keep the government out of the banking business.

11. Amendment to **CSSB 1228** This amendment in affect would "gut" the intent and purpose of **CSSB 1228** as it was passed on the Second Reading. YCT - No.

12. **SB 118** Second Reading. Would overturn the ruling by the Texas Attorney General that union dues could be "checked-off" by state employees from their paycheck. YCT - Yes. A "check-off" facilitates union organizing, thus furthering efforts to unionize state employees.

1. Motion to table Amendment to **CSSB 341**. The original bill provided that upon an appeal by a teacher of a school board decision to fire, if the court finds that the Board acted in bad faith, the court may award attorney's fees and punitive damages to the teacher. This amendment would even up the procedure by allowing the court to award attorney's fees and court costs to the school board if the court upholds its decision to terminate. YCT - No.

2. **CSSB 121** Second Reading. Texas has been the only state that has not admitted oral confessions into evidence. This bill, part of the Governor's crime package, makes such confessions admissible. YCT - Yes. Aids in the prosecution of the criminal element.

3. **SB 2** Second Reading. This bill would prohibit abuse of unemployment compensation by denying compensation payments to those who voluntarily quit their jobs or are fired for theft or misconduct. Those denied compen-

sation could be eligible for benefits if they return to work at old or new job for 15 weeks. YCT - Yes.

4. **HB 1269** This bill provides a procedure for setting up pilot teacher evaluation programs. YCT - Yes. Good education measure.

5. **SB 264** This bill would prohibit the "agency shop", which is back door compulsory union agreement whereby an employee in a unionized company must pay union dues or their equivalent if he chooses not to join the union. YCT - Yes. Texans "Right to Work" must be protected. Compulsory unionism must be stopped.

6. **HB 360** To permit law enforcement officials to obtain court orders, upon proof of probable cause, for wiretapping against smugglers and pushers of hard drugs. YCT - Yes. Good crime prevention measure.

7. **CSSB 706** Second Reading. This bill allows judges to be elected on a non par-



