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Rates The 71st Texas Legislature

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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 statement of principles. These bills form the basis of these ratings.

In the ratings, a "+" indicates the legislator voted FOR the conservative position as determined by YCT; a "-" indicates the legislator voted AGAINST the conservative position. An "N" indicates the legislator was present but did not vote; an "E" indicates an excused absence. No penalties were assigned for these actions. Non-excused absences are signified by an "A," and are counted as half a negative vote.

There are two numerical scores shown on the ratings. The first score represents the legislator's performance during the regular session of the 71st Texas Legislature. The second score is a composite YCT rating, based on the member's votes in all previous sessions, back to the 64th Legislature. The higher a legislator's rating, the greater the lawmaker's commitment to conservative principles.

Italics identify Republicans. Democrats are in regular type.

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Senate Vote Results

Vote Number

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Senate Vote Explanations

- 1. S.J.R. 4. Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing jury instruction on good time and eligibility for parole and mandatory supervision. (passed 26-5). YCT-Yes. Juries need to be aware of consequences that can lead to early releases of those who are violent offenders.
- Motion to suspend the rules and consider S.B. 481. Continues the Texas Indian Commission. (passed 25-5) YCT-No. The Texas Indian Commission is bureaucratic deadwood that should have been abolished years ago.
- Motion to suspend the rules and consider S.B. 600. Allows public utilities to self-insure against certain losses, such as windstorm, fire, and explosion, and allowing those public utilities to use self-insurance costs in determining rates. (passed 22-8) YCT-

Yes. S.B. 600 would expand the scope of economic freedom.

- 4. S.B. 41. Required the wearing of protective headgear for motorcycle riders. (passed 17-13) YCT-No. The proper role of government is not to protect individuals from their own personal mistakes with a stroke of a legislative pen. The role of government is to preserve order and protect individuals from the harmful acts of others. The required wearing of motorcycle helmets by government edict will divert police attention from curbing violent crimes, such as shootings, stabbings, and armed robbery.
- 5. Motion to suspend the rules and consider C.S.S.B. 884. It would require the Texas Department of Health to license and regulate riding stables including equine animals. (failed 18-11. Not receiving affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Senate). YCT-No. Imposes new and unnecessary government regulations.
- 6. C.S.S.B. 125. It would require a school district employee to report to the school administrator any person using dangerous drugs, inhalants, or alcoholic beverages. (passed 21-7). YCT-Yes. The fight against widespread use of narcotics and alcohol and violent drug-related crimes must be waged, especially in schools.
- 7. Motion to suspend the rules and consider C.S.S.B. 116. It requires the award of state purchasing contracts, state construction contracts, and state bond contracts to contractors who are women or belong to certain "minority" groups. (passed 26-3). YCT-No. State contracts should be awarded to the lowest bidder and not on the basis of gender and ethnic origin. The Legislative Budget Board also estimated the annual cost of C.S.S.B. 116 at \$9 million.
- 8. Motion to suspend the rules and consider C.S.S.B. 151. It would establish an education and day care program in school districts for students who are pregnant or who are parents. (passed 23-6). YCT-No. School districts should not get involved in the day care business. In addition, the bill directs the Commissioner of Education to withhold \$10 million (10,000,000) in compensatory education funds each year for the parenting program.
- 9. Motion to suspend the rules and consider S.B. 478. It would provide that school district trustees involve teacher's organizations (i.e. unions, such as the Texas State Teachers Association [NEA] and Texas Federation of Teachers [AFL-CIO]) in developing and implementing educational decisions, policies, and programs. (failed 18-11, not receiving 2/3 vote). YCT-No. This measure was a giant step away from parental control of education and towards control by radical/left-wing public be-damned teacher's unions.
- 10. Motion to suspend the rules and consider S.B. 504. It would establish a higher education tuition grant program for dependent children of Texas public school teachers. (passed 22-6). YCT-No. This measure, estimated to cost Texas taxpayers at least \$6 million annually, would discriminate against children of other parents, including the children of private school teachers

in Texas, who would not be included under the grant program, and children of public servants such as police and fire fighters.

- 11. Motion to table the Johnson Amendment to C.S.S.B. 1010. It provided that the Texas Banking Commissioner may adopt rules relating to maintenance of records by perpetual care cemeteries, the filing of statements and reports, and investment of perpetual care trust funds. (passed 13-11) YCT-Yes on the motion to table. Unnecessary government regulations have a beginning, a middle, and no ending and are perpetual in duration
- 12. Motion to suspend the rules on C.S.S.B. 32. It relates to the creation of the offense of criminal trespass onto property from a state-owned riverbed. (passed 19-9). YCT-Yes. Provides protection for private property owners by prohibiting trespassing from the riverbed if the trespasser had notice entry was forbidden and had notice to depart and failed to do so.
- 13. Motion to table Armbrister Amendment to S.C.R. 61 (relating to AIDS education). Deletes recommendation that the State Board of Education promulgate to school districts a curriculum dealing with contraception and other morally controversial health matters. (passed 15-15 with Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby casting deciding vote). YCT-No on the motion to table the Armbrister Amendment. Public schools should stress sexual abstinence to teenagers. Taxpayer-funded education about contraceptives to our school children is repugnant to the religious and moral views of individuals.
- 14. Motion to table the Parker Amendment to S.B. 255. (Insurance Revision Bill). The Parker Amendment would have provided that the State Board of Insurance shall revoke the certificate of authority of an insurance carrier if the Board determines that the insurance carrier has not authorized the carrier's certificate of authority. (passed 17-14). YCT-Yes on the motion to table the Parker amendment. Needless government penalties and controls over the insurance industry.
- 15. H.J.R. 102. Triples the salaries of the members of the Texas Legislature. (passed 22-7). YCT-No. Excessive salary increases for legislators who meet in regular session for only 5 months of every 2 years would hike state spending by \$3 million annually. Their pay would be tripled to \$23,000 annually.
- 16. Motion to suspend rules to consider H.B. 1992. It would allow counties to contract out private firms to run jails. (passed 20-9). YCT-Yes. Allows free enterprise greater role in running correctional facilities and will lead to savings to taxpayers in housing prisoners.
- 17. Motion to suspend the third reading rules for C.S.S.B. 1550. It would have allowed employers to self-insure employees for workers compensation insurance. Employers would also be protected from common law claims by employees. (failed 14-15). YCT-Yes. Private businesses should have the economic freedom to self-insure employees, especially when governmental units in Texas self-insure their employees.

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House Vote Explanations

- H.J.R. 102. Triples the salaries of the members of the Texas Legislature. (passed 103-39) YCT-No. Excessive salary increases for legislators who meet in regular session for only 5 months of every 2 years would hike state spending by \$3 million annually.
- Motion to adopt the A. Smith Amendment to S.B. 222. This bill would require action by the House or Senate in order for the state to make up for reduced federal funding of programs (failed 64-81). YCT-Yes. Fiscal responsibility is essential if budget deficits and higher taxes are to be avoided.
- Motion to table the Waterfield Amendment to S.B. 55. It prescribed the definition of "handicap" under the state's fair housing law does not apply to an individual because of that person's sexual orientation or because that person is a transvestite. (failed 54-81). YCT-No on the motion to table. Individuals should not receive privileged status just because of their particular lifestyle.
- S.B. 41. Requiring the wearing of protective headgear for motorcycle riders. (passed 82-55). YCT-No. The proper role of government is not to protect individuals from their own personal mistakes with a stroke of the legislative pen. The role of government is to preserve order in society and to protect individuals from the harmful acts of other individuals. The required wearing of motorcycle helmets by government edict will divert police attention from curbing violent crimes, such as shootings, stabbings, and armed robbery.

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- 5. Motion to table the Wolens Amendment to S.B. 255. It would have restricted insurance companies from exchanging certain kinds of information. (passed 74-72). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. The Wolens Amendment placed unnecessary restrictions on the insurance industry.
- 6. Motion to table the Evans Amendment to S.B. 222. It requires the award of state contracts to contractors who are women or belong to certain minority groups. (passed 78-65). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. State contracts should be awarded to the lowest bidder and not on the basis of gender or ethnic origin.
- Motion to table the Evans Amendment to S.B. 1342. The Evans Amendment prohibits cities, counties, universities, and other state entities from investing public funds in a private corporation which does business in the Republic of South Africa. (failed 67-70). YCT-No on the adoption of the Evans Amendment. The amendment would have placed a tremendous burden on all state investment entities. Also, Texas is in no position to make foreign policy statements which rightfully rest with out federal government.
- Motion to table the Ashley Smith Amendment to S.B. 417. The Smith Amendment would have created a pilot program to test the effectiveness of a voucher system in public education. (passed 82-62). YCT-No on the motion to table. Such a voucher system places control over our children's education where it should be: with the parents. The resulting competition would serve as a catalyst for improvement. Given the mediocre state of public education, it is imperative that we examine all opportunities.
- Motion to table the Wolens Amendment to S.B.
 The Wolens Amendment

deleted appropriations for the Texas High Speed Rail Authority. (passed 80-67). YCT-No on the motion to table. The Texas High Speed Rail Authority is just another example of unnecessary government waste. Its pricetag: 6 million dollars.

- 10. Motion to table the Dutton Amendment to H.B. 524. H.B. 524 provided an enhanced penalty for firearm theft. The Dutton Amendment attempted to make a distinction between a handgun worth \$400 and a handgun valued at \$401. (passed 71-66). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. The intent of the bill was to increase the penalty for firearm theft because guns are frequently used in more serious crimes like robbery and murder. A \$100 handgun is just as deadly as a \$500 handgun. The Dutton Amendment would have weakened the bill.
- 11. S.B. 265. The Wilson Amendment prolonged the life of the Texas Indian Commission. (failed 82-64, not receiving 2/3 of vote.) YCT-No. The antiquated Texas Indian Commission is abolished as of Sept. 1, 1989.
- 12. H.J.R. 46. Provided for a Constitutional Amendment authorizing appropriations for a term longer than two years for state correctional facility contracts. (passed 102-36). YCT-No. Allowing legislators who serve two year terms to commit state budgets years into the future is not an example of fiscal responsibility.
- 13. Motion to table the Richardson Amendment to H.B. 2335. It requires as a condition of parole that the defendant submit to testing for controlled substances. (failed 100-43). YCT-No on the motion to table. The state has a compelling interest to protect society from criminals who have not been rehabilitated.
- 14. Motion to table S.B. 1480. It would establish another bureaucratic level to supervise child care facilities in state buildings. (failed 56-84). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. Child care is best handled by the private sector.
- S.J.R. 4. Proposes a Constitutional Amendment authorizing jury instruction on good time and eligibility for parole and mandatory supervision. (passed 133-10). YCT-

House Votes

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Yes. Juries need to be aware of consequences that can lead to early release of those who are violent offenders.

- 16. Motion to table the Kubiak Amendment to H.B. 580. Provided for an effective means for notifying a community about mental health and retardation centers. (failed 54-76). YCT-No on the motion to table. Citizens should have control over the construction of such centers in their neighborhoods.
- 17. Motion to table the Swift Amendment to H.B. 15. The Swift Amendment would have required businesses to retain information on all products which they sell for as long as fifteen years. (passed 106-39). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. The Swift Amendment would have placed a tremendous and unnecessary burden on businesses.
- Motion to table the Evans Amendament to H.B. 15. The Evans Amendment have

provided for no limitation on punitive damages relating to products liability. (failed 98-42). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. Punitive damages are those awarded in a civil suit above and beyond actual damages. They are usually imposed to punish the defendant. Removing ceilings on punitive damages would be like allowing the death penalty for misdemeanors. Insurance companies would be forced to raise their rates in response to inflated decisions, and the judicial system would be further strained.

- 19. H.B. 925. Providing disqualification for unemployment compensation benefits based on the receipt of certain lump sum retirement or severance benefits. (passed 68-65). YCT-Yes. H.B. 925 clarifies the effect of two different types of payments on eligibility for unemployment benefits.
- 20. Motion to table H.B. 1613. It would have created a new government agency called

the Office of State Personnel Director. YCT-Yes on the motion to table. This new government agency would have duplicated the existing bureaucracy. Fiscal note \$196,160 a year.

21. S.J.R. 53. A joint resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment providing for the use of state bonds to fund local school districts. (passed 82-57). YCT-No. School districts should receive funding from local sources and not from a statewide bond program authorized at upwards of \$750 million.

22. Motion to table the Wolens Amend-

ment to H.B. 1. The Wolens Amendment provided that in an action to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by an employee in the course and scope of employment, or the death of the employee in the course and scope of employment, or the death of the employee resulting from those injuries it is not a defense that: (1) the employee was guilty of contributory negligence, (2) the employee assumed the risk of injury or death, or (3) the injury or death was caused by the negligence of a fellow employee. (passed 83-60). YCT-Yes on the motion to table. Businesses should not be liable for injuries to employees if the business

was not responsible.

23. Motion to table H.B. 27. Prescribes that consent for AIDS testing be identical to other contagious diseases. When a patient signs a release to have general medical testing done it is implicit that AIDS is included in the battery. (failed 33-100). YCT-No on the motion to table. AIDS is a serious public health threat. It is absolutely imperative that individuals carrying the virus be aware of their condition.

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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 the 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 to the Federal Government by the states or citizens as stated in the tenth amendment;

That 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 justice, 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 and 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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Haley	65	65
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Holzheauser	87	92
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Hudson, S.	74	75
Hunter, B.	36	
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Jackson	86	
Johnson, J.	50	
Johnson, S.	83	-
Jones	67	67
Junell	22	22
Kubiak	87	82
Kuempel	87	
Laney	59	
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Larry	30	
Lewis, R.		
Linebarger	26	
Lucio	22	
Luna, A.	22	
Luna, G.	11	
McCollough	36	36
McDonald	2	10
McKinney	26	40
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Marchant	86	
Martinez	13	-
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Morales	19	
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Oakley	35	
Ovard	87	
Park	83	83
Parker	37	45
Patterson	78	
Pennington	73	
Perez	24	
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Perry		
Pierce	59	
Polumbo	33	
Price	6	-
Rangel	11	
Repp	87	
Richardson	67	68
Robinson	82	
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Rodriguez	5	
Rudd	5	
Russell	35	
Saunders	61	-
Schlueter	6	7 76

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Seidlits	28	24
Shea	91	96
Shelly	6.8	80
Shine	74	85
Smith, A.	100	97
Smith, D.	96	96
Smith, R.	78	88
Smith, T.	66	66
Smithee	90	91
Soileau	22	22
Stiles	40	_
Swift	17	
Tallas	82	91
Taylor	96	92
Telford	48	52
Thomas	87	87
Thompson, G.	20	
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Turner	26	39
Uher	46	59
Valigura	65	86
VanderVoort	91	91
Vowell	48	
Wallace	1.5	27
Warner	20	
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YCT is an organization for young men and women to participate in the political process. YCT believes that there is no better way to educate and train young citizens as to the workings of our government than to have them directly participate in the process.

Some of the ways that YCT is active in the political process includes:

Elections: YCT leaders are constantly involved in the electoral process at every level. YCT members not only provide the man-power necessary in running a campaign, but many also serve as hired staff and some as candidates themselves.

YCT has established itself as the largest active, conservative youth group in the state, and is already organizing and preparing for its role in the 1990 elections.

Lobbying: YCT is the only statewide conservative group which has consistently coordinated statewide lobbying campaigns on behalf of conservative legislation. YCT organizes letter writing campaigns, lobbies legislators personally, testifies before legislative committees, holds press conferences, conducts massive direct mail campaigns, and coordinates many other projects on behalf of Texans to promote conservative legislation at the state and federal levels.

Conventions/Conferences: YCT annually hosts a State Convention featuring state and national speakers. The 1990 YCT State Convention is scheduled for late February in Houston. YCT is expecting several prominent speakers as well as informative and educational panels and discussions, followed by several straw polls on important races and issues.

YCT also hold special seminars and lectures on campuses across Texas on topics ranging from "economics" to "politics". In addition to these and other projects, individual school and community YCT chapters hold regular meetings featuring guest speakers, films debates and other activities. See inside cover for application for membership.

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YCT's 1989 State Convention: Congressman Dick Armey receives award from former YCT chairman Steve Stockman while YCT founder Steve Munisteri looks on. (Photo by Bob Ward)



YCT members Sharin Shafer and Scott Gaille hold a press conference at the State Capitol. (Photo by Bob Ward)

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There are four numerical scores shown on the ratings. The first score represents the legislator's performance during the special sessions of the 71st Texas Legislature. The second score reflects the legislator's

performance during the 71st regular session. The third score is the legislator's composite score during both the 71st regular and special sessions. The fourth score is a composite rating, based on the member's votes in all previous sessions. As these ratings are based on a 0-100 liberal to conservative continuum; the higher a legislator's rating, the greater the lawmaker's committment to conservative principles.

Italics identify Republicans. Democrats are in regular type.

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Senate Vote Results

Senator	1	2	3	4	715			Com
Armbrister	-	7.	-	+	25	71	62	59
Barrientos					0	21	16	10
Bivins	+	+	+		75	88	86	86
Brooks		-	+	-	25	29	24	35
Brown	+	+	+	+	100	76	81	93
Caperton				-	0	38	31	29
Carriker			+		25	35	29	33
Dickson					0	41	33	33
Edwards	-	+	+	A	63	18	26	37
Ellis			+		25	NA	0	0
Glasgow	-		+		25	37	29	56
Green	-	-	+	-	25	44	35	24
Haley					0	65	55	55
Harris	+	+		+	75	90	86	86
Henderson	+	+	+	+	100	76	81	68
Johnson		-			0	29	24	15
Krier	+			à.	25	65	57	66
Leedom	+	+	+	+	100	91	93	94
Lyon		-			0	29	24	44
McFarland	+	+	-	A	63	56	57	66
Montford		-			0	68	55	66
Parker			-	,	0	21	17	31
Parmer				,	0	31	25	24
Railiff	+	+	+		75	71	71	71
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Sims	-	+	+	+	75	76	76	84
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Uribe			-	-	0	18	14	18
Whitmire			+		25	21	22	28
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Senate Vote Explanations

- 1. Senator Parker motioned to override the Governor's veto of the school finance bill. The bill would have required a half-cent increase in the state sales tax. motion in writing was read and adopted by a vote of 23 Yeas-8 Nays. YCT does not support the motion to override the governor's veto because the bill increases taxes. (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 2. S.B. 31 would have continued to increase expenditures for public education. The bill passed on Third Reading with nine dissenting votes. YCT opposes S.B. 31 because it ignored the need for meaningful reform and would have mandated significant tax increases.

 (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- Senator Green offered an amendment that

would require the board of trustees in each district to approve the territory annexed by their districts. Senator Caperton motioned to table the amendment and lost by a vote of 15 Yeas, 16 Nays. YCT supports this amendment because it increases local control. On the motion to table:

- (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 4. S.J.R. 7 proposed a constitutional amendment relating to the distribution of the available school fund. Senator Parker motioned to suspend all necessary rules and consider the resolution. The motion prevailed by the vote of 23-6. opposes S.J.R. 7 because the constitutional amendment unnecessary. On the motion to consider the amendment: (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS

House Vote Results

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Hinojosa		1.	1.	1.			0	17	14	24
Hollowell	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	86	89	81
Holzheauser	+	+	+	+	1.	+	83	87	86	91
Horn	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	93	95	95
Hudson, D.	+					1.	17	52	45	47
Hudson, S.	+			+	-		33	20	22	47
Hunter, B.	+	+		+			50	74	69	73
Hunter, T.	+			-			17	36	32	32
Hury	-			+	-		17	14	15	31
Jackson	+	+	+		+	+	83	86	86	86
Johnson, J.	+			-	٦.		17	50	43	43
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Jones		+	+	+		+	67	67	67	72
Junell	+		1		1		17	22	21	21
Kubiak	+	-	+	+	+	+	83	87	86	82
Kuempel	+	+	+	+	1.	+	83	87	86	91
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Larry	-		-		1.	+	17	11	12	7
Lewis	+			-	-		17	30	28	143
Linebarger	+		-		-		17	26	24	24
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Martinez	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	86	89	87
McCollough	+		-	+			33	13 36	10	58
McDonald	-	-	•	-	-		0		36	36
McKinney	+					-	17	26	24	10
McWilliams	+		-		-		50	76	71	40
Melton			-	+	+	•				68
Morales	+	-		-		•	17	33	29	38
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Mowery	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	87	90	90
Oakley	+	-	-	+	-	٠	33	35	34	45
Ovard	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	37	90	91
Park	+	+	+	-		+	67	83	79	79
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Patterson	+	-	-	+	-		33	78	69	81
Pennington	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	73	79	87
Perez	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	24	19	21
Perry	+	+	+	+	E	+	100	52	61	75
Pierce	+	+	+	+		+	83	59	66 i	72
Polumbo	-	-		-	3	+	17	33	29	38
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Seidlits	+	-		7-	-	-	17	28	26	25
Shea	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	91	93	96
Shelley	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	68	75	84
Shine	+	+	+	+	-	+	83	78	76	86
Smith, A.	+	+	+	-	+	+	83	100	96	96
Smith, D.	+	+	+		+	+	83	96	93	93
Smith, R.	+	-	+	+		+	67	78	76	87
Smith, T.	+	+	-	-	-	Е	40	66	61	69
Smithee	+	-	+	+	+	+	83	90	89	91
Soileau	•						0	22	14	14
Stiles	+	-				-	17	40	35	58
Swift	+			+			33	17	21	21
Tallas	+	+	+	+		1-1	67	82	76	89
Taylor	Α	+		+		+	58	96	88	90
Telford	+				+		33	48	45	51
Thomas	+	+	+	+		-	67	87	83	83
Thompson, G.	+			-	-		17	20	19	15
Thompson, S.	+					-	17	11	12	13
Turner						-	0	26	21	21
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Valigura	+	+	+	+		+	83	65	69	87
Vandervoort	+	+	+	-		+	67	91	86	86
Vowell	+	+	-	+		+	67	48	52	58
Wallas	-	-		-			0	15	12	12
Warner							0	20	16	21
Waterfield	+	+	+		+	+	83	87	86	91
Watkins	+		+	+		+	67	37	43	56
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Williamson	+			+	+	+	67	48	52	54
Willis	+	-					17	24	22	26
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Wright	+	+	+	+		+	83	91	90	98
Yost	+	+	+	+	-		67	91	86	95

House Vote Explanations

- 1. The G. Luna Amendment taken from the 3CSS refines Article I of the Education Finance Bill in such a way that it increases state expenditures for the education system. Increases in funding have yet to improve student performance. YCT believes any reforms should be financed by the existing budget. Therefore, YCT supports Representative Glossbrenner's motion to table the G. Luna Amendment which prevailed by a record vote 110-37 with 1 present not voting. (+) YEAS. (-) NAYS
- 2. The Schoolcraft Amendment taken from 3CSS works to improve the quality of the education system in Texas by providing for performance based incentives, deregulation, and a multi-track school year. YCT believes that these reforms would enhance the efficiency and quality of the education system. Consequently, YCT

opposes Representative Glossbrenner's prevailing motion to table the Schoolcraft amendment with record vote 85-61 with 1 present not voting.

- (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 3. The Grusendorf-Rudd Amendment to CSSB31 would have enhanced the accountability of administrators and school districts by providing for performance based incentives. YCT does not support Representative Glossbrenner's motion to table the amendment. The motion though, prevailed with a record vote 83-64 with 1 present not voting. YCT believes that accountability of administrators and school districts would increase efficiency in the education system. (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 4. Representative Schoolcraft submitted a second amendment to SB1 during the 4CSS that was very similar to his first one. This second time, following heated debate, the amendment almost passed, but was tabled by record vote 77-69 with 1 present not voting. After having lobbied for this amendment, YCT opposed Representative Glossbrenner's motion to table the amendment.
- (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 5. Senate Bill 1, as amended, was passed to third reading by record vote 106-39. YCT opposed the passage of the bill because it fails to make any significant changes to improve the education system. The bill should have contained much more than just a higher price tag. (-) YEAS, (+) NAYS
- 6. HB 150 increased the sales tax by a half cent to help pay for the cost of the finance bill. YCT opposes any increase in taxes. There is more than enough money in the existing budget to operate any school so long as inefficiency within the system is eliminated. The bill was passed with record vote 85-60. (-)YEAS, (+) NAYS.

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