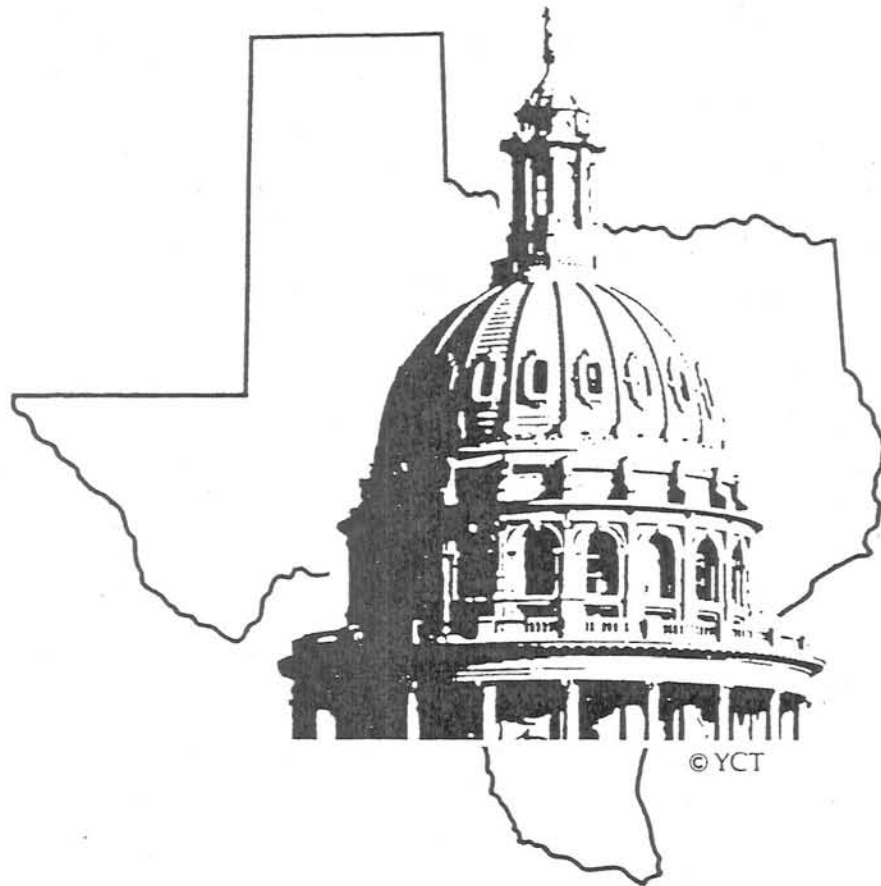


# YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS



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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.

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. A "P" 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 were signified by an "A," and are counted as half a positive score.

There are two numerical scores shown on the ratings. The first score represents the legislator's performance during the 72nd Texas Legislature. The second score is a composite rating, based on the member's votes in all previous sessions. (YCT has rated each session since 1975.) As these ratings are based on a 0-100 liberal to conservative continuum, the higher a legislator's rating, the greater the lawmaker's commitment to conservative principles.

Asterisks identify Republicans. Speaker Lewis is not rated.

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## Senate Vote Results

### Vote Number

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	72	COM
Armbrister	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	33	41
Barrios	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	8
Bivins*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	75	81
Brooks	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	21	35
Brown*	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	93
Carraker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8	19
Dickson	-	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	+	-	A	25	24
Ellis	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Glasgow	E	-	-	-	-	E	+	+	+	-	-	-	20	50
Green	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	21	22
Haley	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	25	40
Harris of D*	+	A	+	+	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	-	75	80
Harris of T*	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	75	75
Henderson	E	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	36	67
Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	17	12
Krier*	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	67	69
Leedom*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83	92
Lucia	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	13	13
Lyons	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	E	A	A	-	18	37
Moncrief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8	8
Monford	-	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	21	58
Parker	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	29
Ratliff*	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	50	61
Russan	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	17	17
Sibley*	E	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	67	67
Sims	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	67	88
Tejeda	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	25	25
Truan	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	12
Turner	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	25	25
Whumir	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	A	21	23
Zaffrum	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	17	21

# Senate Vote Explanations

1. **S.B. 351**, relating to public school finance, on third reading: (Passed 20 yeas, 7 nays). **YCT-NO**. The state has an incredible willingness to increase funding to a barely functioning system, apparently in the hope that public school finance, as an issue, will fix its own problems. Past increases in funding have not resulted in corresponding increases in student performance. Public education should be restructured through competition in the form of public choice and magnet schools.

2. **S.B. 245**, relating to the right of state employees to designate any portion of their earned income to certain state employee and charitable organizations, on the third reading: (Passed 24 yeas, 5 nays). **YCT-NO**. Making any charitable deduction automatic removes the process of giving from the attention of the giver. This makes the giver considerably less likely to keep tabs on the recipients of their largesse, as there is no conscious act of donation from the entire pay unit each time to keep reminding the donor of the loss. To YCT, this looks like an invitation for the abuse of funds, effectively guaranteed by the subsequent lack of attention from the donor following the initial decision to give.

3. **Floor Amendment I to S.B. 128**, relating to investments by public retirement systems (The retirement system may not acquire an investment in a bank or other financial institution that directly or through a subsidiary has a loan outstanding to the Republic of South Africa): (Motion to table failed 8 yeas, 21 nays). **YCT-YES** on the motion to table. The state should not attempt to influence where private individuals invest their money.

4. **S.B. 10**, relating to the murder of a child under 10 years as a capital offense, on third reading: (Passed 25 yeas, 5 nays). **YCT-YES**. Murder should be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and the murder of children is a particularly good illustration of all the reasons why.

5. **S.B. 440**, relating to the designation of a portion of dues in certain employee organizations as contributions to the organization's political committee, on third reading: (Passed 21 yeas, 7 nays). **YCT-NO**. This bill deprives individuals of the right to deny contributions to certain organizations' political committees.

6. **S.B. 434**, relating to voter registration activities conducted by institutions of higher education and certain state agencies, on passage: (Passed 20 yeas, 10 nays). **YCT-NO**. This bill, apart from making the registration of a voter state responsibility (which is silly enough), requires that all funds for the operation and administration of programs authorized by this act should come from the non-constitutionally guaranteed monies in Highway Fund #006. This is a blatant attempt by the budgetary weevils to further undermine our financial house of cards by trying to appear to pull a fully funded program out of the air.

7. **S.B. 373**, relating to the creation of the Office of Rural Affairs in the Office of the Governor, on third reading (Passed 24 yeas, 6 nays). **YCT-NO**. Continued government growth threatens our most basic democratic principles.

8. **S.B. 190**, relating to deductions from the salaries of school district employees for dues to professional organizations: (Passed

third reading 24 yeas, 6 nays). **YCT-NO**. This bill was specifically aimed toward benefiting existing teachers' unions and inhibiting the success of new organizations by favoring certain groups over others. Thus, S.B. 190 limits competition by exclusion.

9. **S.B. 780**, relating to the issuance of concealed firearm permits to private citizens, providing penalties for abuse: (Motion to suspend the rules to place S.B. 780 on third reading lost 23 yeas, 6 nays. S.B. 780 failed to receive four-fifths vote of members present.) **YCT-YES**. The right to bear arms is one of the principle foundations of democracy. The people of Texas should have the right to protect themselves by legal means.

10. **H.B. 10**, regarding a proposed amendment in aid of turnpikes, toll roads and toll bridges: (Passed third reading 24 yeas, 6 nays). **YCT-NO**. The government should not be responsible for bailing out failing private endeavors.

11. **H.B. 11**, regarding the raising of revenue for operation of state and local government, and the imposition, application, rates, collection, and administration of various fees and taxes: (Motion to place H.B. 11 on third reading prevailed 24 yeas, 7 nays). **YCT-NO**. The state already has enough money. Unfortunately, it lacks the ability to properly manage its existing funds. Allowing the state to raise more revenue only allows this mismanagement to continue.

12. **H.J.R. 8**, proposing an amendment relating to the establishment of a state lottery: (Passed 22 yeas, 6 nays). **YCT-NO**. The state should trim its bloated bureaucracy before seeking additional funds.

# House Vote Results

## Vote Number

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	71	COM
Alexander	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	40	36
Arnold	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	37	55
Bailey	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	23	23
Barton	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	24
Berlanga	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	25
Black	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	73	45
Blackwood*	E	E	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	83	90
Blair	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	13
Bonner	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	65	65
Bosse	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25
Brady*	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	71	71
Bruner*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	91
Caun	-	-	-	E	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	A	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	21	25
Campbell*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	80	87
Carona*	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92	92
Carter*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	80	82
Cate	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	P	26	26
Cavazos	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	E	+	+	-	-	37	18
Chunum	+	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	82	72
Clemons	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	64
Colbert	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	25	24
Collazo	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	E	E	A	-	36	25
Conley	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	23	19
Connelly*	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	90
Cook	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	63	63
Counis	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	55	50
Cradick*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	98	91
Crawford*	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	73	76
Cuellar, H.	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	29
Cuellar, R.	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	25
Culbertson*	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	-	83	89
Dandberg	-	-	-	-	P	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	P	A	-	17	15
de la Garza	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	26	26
Delco	-	-	-	A	-	+	-	P	+	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	P	-	-	-	15	12
Delisi*	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83	83
Denton	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	40
Dutton	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	30	12
Earley	-	-	A	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	48	47
Eckels*	+	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	-	+	+	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	-	70	83
Edwards	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	P	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	34	23
Evans	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	A	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	23	12
Finnell	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	68
Fleurer*	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	75	75
Fraser*	+	-	E	-	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	94
Gallero	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	E	E	-	-	33	33
Galligos	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	P	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	26
Gibson	+	+	-	+	+	E	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	A	+	-	-	-	55	51
Glaze	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	35	35
Glossbrenner	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	17
Goodman*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	95
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Greenberg	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20	20
Gruenewald*	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	79	83
Gutierrez	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	30	30
Haggerty*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	89
Hamric*	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Harris*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	95	86
Harmon*	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	95
Heflin*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	96
Hernandez	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	30
Hightower	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	38	51
Hilbert*	+	+	+	+	A	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	90
Hildebrand*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85	93
Hill, A.*	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	P	+	78	73
Hill, F.*	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	87
Hirchu	-	+	-	-	A	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	38	38
Holzhauer*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	89	90
Horn*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	95
Hudson	-	-	+	A	-	+	-	A	+	A	-	A	-	-	-	A	-	+	A	-	40	17
Hunter, B.*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70	72
Hunter, T.	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	48	40
Hury	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	+	-	-	+	P	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	29	31
Jackson*	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85	86
Johnson, J.	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	30	37

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## Vote Number

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	72	COM
Johansen, S *	+	+	E	A	+	E	E	E	+	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	90	87
Jones *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	60	64
Jurell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	50	36
Karnes *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	95
Kuback	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	61	78
Kuempel *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	89
Larsen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	48	61
Larr	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	30	15
Lewis	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	45	44
Lunenburg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	25
Luna, G	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	14
Madala	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	32	25
Marchant *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88	87
Marin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	16
Martinez	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	32	21
Massey	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	12	12
McCollough	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	40	38
McDonald	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	25	14
Moreno, P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	20	15
Murphy *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	87	89
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Oxley *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85	85
Oliveira	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	26
Ortiz *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	92
Park *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82	81
Patterson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	75
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Place	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	40	40
Price	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	36	18
Puente	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	23
Rabuck *	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	90
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# House Vote Explanations

1. **Smithee amendment to H.J.R. 5** would prohibit a personal income tax unless approved by voters at a statewide election. (Amendment failed 71 yeas, 75 nays). **YCT-YES**. YCT opposes additional taxation.

2. **Hilderbran amendment to S.B. 351** boldly restructuring the school finance bill. The Hilderbran amendment would have reduced current ad valorem tax rates in the vast majority of school districts while meeting the criterion of Edgewood v. Kirby. (Failed adoption 62 yeas, 81 nays, 1 PNV). **YCT-YES**. Taxpayers would benefit in many ways from this plan as it would dramatically reduce the cost to individuals statewide and still solve the problem.

3. **Holzheuser amendment to H.B. 640** sets forth a performance review whereby the creation, powers and duties of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority are abolished if it fails to have a positive impact. (Amendment adopted 71 yeas, 67 nays, 1 PNV). **YCT-YES**. The Holzheuser amendment sets a standard by which more government agencies should abide, if government truly exists to serve the people.

4. **Motion to table the Junell amendment to S.B. 831** which would delete private competition, cost reviews and the current definition of private enterprise from a bill relating to the State Purchasing and General Services Commission. (Motion to table failed 58 yeas, 79 nays, 2 PNV). **YCT-YES** on the motion to table. Government should follow the lead of free enterprise more often.

5. **H.B. 5**, relating to products liability actions. (Passed engrossment 111 yeas, 36 nays, 1 PNV). **YCT-YES**. This bill demonstrates an overdue support for Texas businesses.

6. **Motion to table the Schechter amendment to H.B. 2263**: sets aside for the state an amount equal to 5% of each live parimutual horse racing bet (Motion to table prevailed 95 yeas, 41 nays, 2 PNV). **YCT-YES** on the motion to table. Increasing government expenditures by such means is tantamount to state support of gambling. The state should reduce spending, not increase taxes.

7. **Heflin amendment to S.B. 352**, relating to the continuation and functions of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The amendment provides for the Department's Equal Opportunity Office's participation in the development of requests for proposals and other departmental documents relating to the highway bidding process. (Motion to table prevailed 101 yeas, 44 nays, 1 PNV). **YCT-NO** on the motion to table. This amendment allows the Department's E.O.O. to oversee procedures, thus illustrating an attempt to upgrade its guidelines and improve the department's efficiency.

8. **H.B. 1207**, on second reading and passage to engrossment, relating to the requirement for a conservation permit to use land under the control of the Parks and Wildlife Department. (Passed 77 yeas, 58 nays, 3 PNV). **YCT-NO**. Growth in the form of such regulations exhibits government's desire to restrict individual liberties.

9. **S.B. 111**, on the third reading and final passage, relating to a complete review of state spending and budgetary procedures, providing for a reduction in certain appropriations and for the transfer of certain fund balances to the general revenue fund. (Passed third reading 139 yeas, 0 nays, 1 PNV). **YCT-YES**. YCT commends the state for trying to reduce spending.

10. **Motion to table the Black amendment to H.B. 1888**, which would make it a defense to prosecution of animal cruelty for ranch and farm operations. (Motion failed 22 yeas, 113 nays, 3 PNV). **YCT-NO** on the motion to table. The amendment justly exempts from prosecution operations which provide animal products for human use or consumption.

11. **S.B. 406**, on passage of third reading, relating to legislative leave for peace officers and fire fighters. (Passed 72 yeas, 64 nays, 4 PNV). **YCT-NO**. Regulation of leave for fire fighters and police officers should be left to the local respective departments.

12. **H.B. 2259** on passage to engrossment, relating to child care services for state employees. (Passed 81 yeas, 62 nays). **YCT-NO**. Child care services are the responsibility of the parents and should not be a public institution.

13. **H.B. 702** on passage of third reading, relating to the creation of a criminal offense for the performance of surgery by a physician with AIDS. (Passed 132 yeas, 5 nays, 2 PNV). **YCT-YES**. Performance of surgery by AIDS infected physicians and dentists endangers the lives of patients.

14. **H.B. 1524** on failure to pass engrossment, relating to the regulation and licensing of gaming on certain island property and to the creation, powers and duties of the Pleasure Island Commission of Texas; authorizing certain taxes and fees. (Failed 65 yeas, 74 nays, 3 PNV). **YCT-NO**. This is another example of useless government growth.

15. **S.B. 190** on passage to third reading, relating to deductions from the salaries of school district employees for dues to professional organizations. (Passed to third

reading 86 yeas, 56 nays, 1 PNV). YCT-NO. Automatic deductions for professional organizations (i.e. union dues) deprive individuals of the right to make a well-informed choice to join such an organization of their own volition.

16. **H.B. 1777** on passage of third reading, relating to counselors and counseling programs in public schools. (Passed 71 yeas, 59 nays, 1 PNV). YCT-NO. Schools currently offer counseling. Pumping another 5+ million into this program is not necessary. Furthermore, counseling should be a parental responsibility.

17. **Motion to table the Fred Hill amendment to S.B. 1407** making a criminal's payment of restitution a priority. The bill provided an expansion of the rights of crime victims. (Motion to table prevailed 77 yeas, 63 nays, 2 PNV). YCT-NO on the motion to table. This amendment gave justice where justice was due.

18. **Motion to table the Maxey amendment to S.B. 553**, relating to contracts and compacts for the disposal of waste. (Motion to table prevailed 98 yeas, 37 nays, 1 PNV). YCT-YES on the motion to table. The amendment represents excessive regulation of business.

19. **Motion to table the Fraser amendment to S.B. 1**, the ethics bill. This amendment would have applied the bill to officials employed as of January 1, 1992, as opposed to 1993. (Motion to table prevailed 75 yeas, 62 nays). YCT-NO on the motion to table. The Fraser amendment would have held current office holders to ethical standards as well as those elected in 1992.

20. **S.B. 608** on passage to third reading, relating to standards for pre-kindergarten programs and other child care programs. (Passed to third reading 84 yeas, 35 nays, 1 PNV). YCT-NO. Further state regulation of the school system, especially at this level, deprives local control.

## YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The 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 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, 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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# Young Conservatives of Texas

Young Conservatives of Texas is an independent, non-partisan youth organization dedicated to the preservation of individual liberties and freedoms through limited government.

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 YCT is active in the political process include:

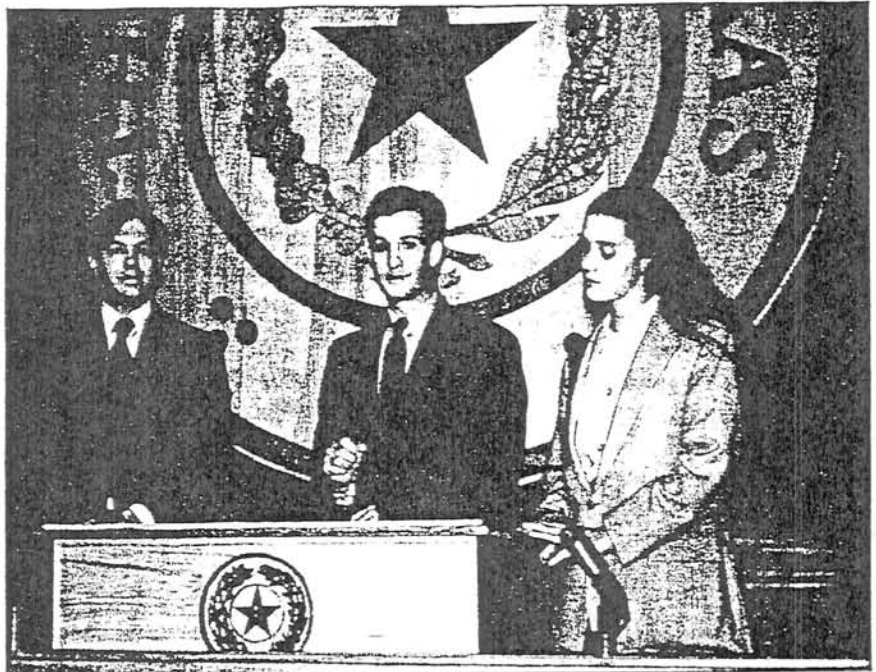
**Elections:** YCT leaders are constantly involved in the electoral process at every level. YCT members not only provide the manpower necessary in running a campaign, but many also serve as hired staff and some as candidates themselves.

YCT has established itself as the largest, most active, conservative youth group in the state, and is already organizing for its role in the 1992 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. Past speakers have included: Senator Gramm, Congressman Dornan, Nicaraguan Contra leader Calero, Jurist Robert Bork and noted author Dinesh D'Souza. The 1992 Convention is scheduled for February in Dallas.

In addition to a variety of state sponsored events, local chapters at 15 universities hold regular meetings featuring guest speakers, films, debates and other activities.



**YCT Press Conference:** State Chairman Scott Gaille, State Vice Chairman of Legislative Affairs Noe Barrios and State Secretary Lisa Chambers answer reporters' questions at the State Capitol.



**YCT Reception:** YCT members pose for a picture with Oliver North at a reception in the Houstonian Hotel.

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