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Ratings of the 76th Texas Legislature

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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 that enables college student men and women the opportunity to participate in the political process. YCT believes that there is no better way to educate and train young citizens as to the working of our government than to have them directly participate in the process.

Since 1975, YCT has prepared its ratings of legislators as a public service to the citizens of Texas. The purpose is to better inform them of the activities and performance of their representative lawmakers. YCT has selected the following bills which it believes accurately serve to gage a legislator's philosophy in light of YCT's Statement of Principles.

Over the past twenty-four years, the YCT ratings have earned the reputation as the best and most reliable measure of determining who is conservative in the Texas Legislature. Our ratings are unique in that YCT is the only organization in Texas to produce ratings of a state legislature for the last 26 years.

The YCT ratings cover an important period in Texas history. Since our first ratings, we have witnessed dramatic changes in Texas politics. During the past 26 years, Texans have seen the emergence of a viable Republican Party and the virtual disappearance of a conservative presence in the Democratic Party. These ratings serve to record the history of Texas lawmaking. The YCT ratings should not be construed as an official endorsement of any party or official.

Voting Legend

- “+” means votes favoring YCT's position
- “0” means votes against YCT's position
- “U” means legislator absent (unexcused), penalties assigned
- “E” means legislator absent (excused), no penalties assigned
- “N” means legislator is present not voting, penalties assigned
- vote #'s correspond with House and Senate Bill Explanations, respectively
- Italicized names denote members of the Republican Party; regular text denotes Democrats; and names in bold means that the Legislator scored 90 or higher and is on the YCT Honor Roll
- There are two numerical scores on our ratings. The first score (%) represents the legislator's performance during the 76th Legislative session. The second score (C) is a composite or career rating, based on the member's votes in all previous sessions, weighted accordingly.

House Vote Explanations

- 1) **CSHB 673.** Passage of the bill requiring children under the age of fifteen to wear bicycle helmets while riding on public roadways or bicycle paths. CSHB 673 as amended passed 80-64. YCT-NO on passage of CSHB 673. This bill provides unnecessary government intervention of individual liberties and takes away the parent's control over their own children. (4/27/99 RV# 150, p 1410)
- 2) **CSHB 713.** Motion to adopt Amendment #14 by Wohlgemuth, which would have sunsetted a new financial aid program to undergraduate teaching candidates on September 1, 2001. Amendment #14 failed 64-79. YCT-YES on passage of the Wohlgemuth Amendment. The state review new spending programs every session and limit long-term entitlements without the knowledge of long-term revenues. (4/21/99 RV #121, p 1205)
- 3) **HB 844.** Passage of the bill to engrossment which would increase the pay-outs from the state lottery from 52% to 57% of the ticket sales. HB 844 passed to engrossment 83-58. YCT-NO on passage of HB 844. YCT has always opposed the state lottery. (4/14/99 RV #88, p 1023-24)
- 4) **HB 921.** Passage of bill requiring school districts to provide an enrichment curriculum when they offer a non-required course. HB 921 passed 95-47. YCT-NO on passage of HB 921. YCT believes that local school districts, not state government, should decide their enrichment curriculum. (5/7/99 RV #262 p 1895)
- 5) **CSHB 938.** Passage of the bill to enhance criminal penalties for bias-motivated crimes. Also known as the "James Byrd, Jr. Act." CSHB 938 passed 83-61 but was not voted on by the Senate. YCT-NO on passage of CSHB 938. Crimes committed against life and property either involve hatred or a blatant disregard of victims. Juries should be allowed to fully punish criminal offenders for the crimes they commit, including imposing the death penalty, not on the ethnicity and gender of their victims. (4/27/99. RV #151, p 1436)
- 6) **HB 954.** Passage of bill allowing local taxing units to increase property taxes by up to 2.999 percent each year without proper notice or public hearing. HB 954 failed 69-71. YCT-NO on passage of HB 954. This bill circumvents Truth-in-Taxation legislation passed by the Legislature last session. YCT firmly opposes new or additional tax increases. (5/6/99 RV #239, p 1829)
- 7) **CSHB 990.** Passage of bill shifting punishment for welfare fraud from criminal offenses to agency administrative offenses. The bill would have prohibited the Health and Human Services Commission from seeking criminal prosecution of individuals who engage in fraudulent conduct to obtain or try to obtain governmental financial assistance, food stamps, and Medicaid assistance. CSHB 990 failed to pass 62-80. YCT-NO on passage of CSHB 990. People who defraud taxpayers in receiving government assistance should be subject to criminal prosecution. (5/11/99 RV #295, p 2153)
- 8) **HB 1398.** Passage of the bill which would enhance health care for indigents and create a pilot regional health care delivery system. HB 1398 passed to engrossment 109-31. YCT-NO on passage of HB 1398. YCT does not believe in a state sponsored health care system or socialized medicine. (5/5/99 RV #225, p 1773)
- 9) **HB 1704.** Motion to table Amendment #6 by Greenberg which would exempt the City of Austin from the requirement that new regulations be prospective instead of retroactive. This would allow the City of Austin to impose the Save Our Springs (SOS) ordinance retroactively. The Greenberg Amendment was tabled 108-33. YCT-YES on motion to table the Greenberg Amendment. The SOS ordinance and other City of Austin environmental ordinances have made commercial and residential development in desirable areas prohibitively expensive. These ordinances would increase government regulation on private enterprise. The Greenberg Amendment would have granted the City of Austin special permission to continue exploiting its past abuses of developers and land-owners. (4/20/99 RV# 111, p 1159)

- 10) **CSHB 2442.** Motion to table Amendment #1 by Green, which would have eliminated a three dollar marriage license fee tax that would have funded a premarital education handbook, premarital education courses, and university studies on marriage and divorce. The Green Amendment was tabled 86-55. YCT-NO on the motion to table the Green Amendment. YCT firmly stands against all additional taxes. The marriage license fee is another sneaky tax hike. (4/26/99 RV #147, p 1386)
- 11) **CSHB 3206.** Motion to Amendment # 8 by Culberson providing that cities conducting referendums on citizen-based propositions may not amend the wording of the proposition except for grammatical and typographical reasons if it conform to all requirements. The Culberson Amendment was tabled 74-60. YCT-NO on the motion to table the Culberson Amendment. Citizen-based referendums should state the proposition as proponents and voters signing the initiative intend. The Culberson Amendment was drafted after the Houston City Council substantially altered the wording of an initiative that would have abolished the city's program of racial set-asides for contracts, which confused voters rejected by a narrow margin. (5/12/99 RV #323, p 2253)
- 12) **CSSB 4.** Motion to table Amendment # 4 by Nixon providing that the University Interscholastic League (UIL), a part of the University of Texas at Austin, may not deny private schools the opportunity to participate in league activities if they meet certain guidelines. The Nixon Amendment was tabled 81-62. YCT-NO on the motion to table the Nixon Amendment. Private schools, if they so choose and meet guidelines, should have the opportunity to participate in UIL activities. (5/23/99 RV #451, p 3067)
- 13) **CSSB 7.** Adoption of Amendment #51 by Y. Davis on reconsideration after the amendment had previously failed passage. The Y. Davis Amendment requires electric utility companies to submit five-year plans to enhance work-force diversity and contracting with "historically-underutilized businesses." The amendment originally failed 70-71. On reconsideration after "political dealings", the amendment passed 112-33. YCT-NO on passage of the Y. Davis Amendment. YCT opposes discrimination on the basis of race and gender and therefore opposed racial and gender preferences and set asides benefiting one group over another. The free market should determine contracts and business. (5/20/99 RV #225, p 1773)
- 14) **CSSB 30.** Passage of Amendment #8 by Gray which would have circumvented parental notification for minors wishing to have abortions by allowing the doctor to notify any family member over the age of 25 of the minor's intentions to have an abortion if the minor does not live with a parent. The Gray Amendment failed 71-75 in which the Speaker voted for the only time in the session. YCT-NO on the passage of the Gray Amendment. YCT believes that abortions should be treated like any other medical procedure and at least require parental notification. This session, a bill requiring that minors receive notarized parental consent for body-piercing devices passed the Legislature without much debate. (5/21/99. RV #407, p 2760)
- 15) **CSSB 30.** Adoption of Heflin Amendment which defines a fetus as an individual human organism from fertilization until birth. Amendment adopted 90-55. YCT-YES on adoption of the Heflin Amendment. YCT believes fetuses are unborn children who should be protected. (5/21/99 RV #408, pp. 2761-62)
- 16) **CSSB 30.** Motion to table Amendment #12 by Chavez which would automatically give state medical and financial assistance to the children of minors who sought abortions but were refused them because a parent was not notified. The Chavez Amendment was tabled 95-47. YCT-YES on motion to table the Chavez Amendment. YCT does not support an automatic state sponsored health care and financial aid program for anybody. If a girl is mature enough to have a baby, she is mature enough to take care of it. (5/21/99. RV #409, p 2762)
- 17) **CSSB 89.** Adoption of Amendment #17 by Hamric which provides that unincorporated areas may not be annexed unless voters in the areas approve the annexation. This amendment would apply to areas near large cities. The Hamric Amendment failed 61-70. YCT-YES on adoption of Hamric Amendment. This amendment gives citizens in unincorporated areas the right to determine their

community's future. YCT believes in self-determination of communities and peoples. (5/24/99 RV #457, p 3110)

- 18) **SB 290.** Motion to table Amendment #1 by Bailey, which would have imposed unworkable restrictions on the emergency tax relief bill for the distressed oil communities. The Bailey Amendment was tabled 101-45. YCT-YES on motion to table the Bailey Amendment. Oil companies are taxed with an additional punitive tax while other large corporations are not. Oil companies, when oil prices are low, spend more money in taxes than they receive in profits. This severance tax is unique to the oil industry in Texas and should be repealed. This bill would temporarily allow oil companies to not pay the severance tax. YCT supports the repeal of the severance tax for oil and natural gas companies and opposes the Bailey Amendment because it would have restricted the oil companies ability to use this tax relief. (5/10/99 RV #34, pp. 547-48)
- 19) **CSSB 445.** Passage of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), funded by the tobacco settlement, which would guarantee that all children in economic need in the State of Texas would receive subsidized health insurance. This program is paid for with the Tobacco Settlement money. CSSB 445 passed 123-14 on third reading. YCT-NO on the passage of CSSB 445. The CHIP program is funded by temporary revenue from the settlement between the State of Texas and the tobacco industry. This program will become a costly burden on taxpayers once the money from the Tobacco Settlement is used. YCT does not support socialized medicine and the legislature tying its hands with a burdensome spending package. (4/30/99 RV #193, pp. 1596)
- 20) **SB 717.** Passage of bill protecting firearms manufacturers, trade associations, and sellers from government lawsuits relating to lawful design, manufacture, marketing, or sale of firearms to the public. SB 717 passed 107-39. YCT-YES on passage of SB 717. Gun manufacturers and dealers should not be held responsible for the cycle of violence plaguing our communities. The real culprits should be the individuals who commit the crimes and a decline of morality and discipline in our nation. This bill also prevents government from targeting an industry in order to fund lavish spending programs. (5/18/99 RV #368, pp. 2527-28)
- 21) **SB 1298.** Passage of bill providing that businesses that perform batching or central mixing do not have to unnecessary environmental modeling before beginning construction of a concrete plant. SB1298 passed 89-54. YCT-YES on passage of SB 1298. This bill eliminates unnecessary government and environmental regulations on private enterprise. (5/12/99 RV #308, p 2196)
- 22) **SJR 10.** Adoption of a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to create a judicial compensation commission to make recommendations for judicial pay increases that become law if the Legislature approves the recommendations. SJR 10 was passed 102-35. YCT-NO on passage of SJR 10. This constitutional amendment allows a commission to bypass the Legislature's power of the purse. Furthermore, retired career legislators would see their retirement pay increase since it is tied to a percentage of judicial salaries. In essence, the judicial compensation commission will give pension raises to legislators for them without voter accountability. YCT urges Texas voters to reject this constitutional amendment at the polls on November 2, 1999. (5/26/99 RV #467, p 3237)

Legislator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	%	C
Alexander	+	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	E	+	0	0	33	39
Allen	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	U	+	0	+	+	0	71	88
Alvarado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Averitt	+	+	0	+	0	U	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	59	80
Bailey	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	18	15
Berman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Bonnen	+	+	U	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	N	+	0	+	+	0	59	71
Bosse	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	27	22
Brimer	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	U	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	68	81
Brown, B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	91	91
Brown, F	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	E	+	+	+	76	76
Burnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Capelo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	9	9
Carter	0	+	0	E	+	0	+	0	+	U	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	52	67
Chavez	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Chisum	+	+	+	N	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	77	74
Christian	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	91	93
Clark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	U	+	77	86
Coleman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	E	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	5	11
Cook	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	50	54
Corte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	E	E	E	E	E	E	+	+	E	+	E	93	94
Counts	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	41	41
Crabb	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	91	93
Craddick	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	82	91
Crownover	E	E	E	+	E	+	+	+	E	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	E	100	100
Cuellar	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	32	28
Culberson	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	86	89
Danburg	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	9	15
Davis, J	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	95	95
Davis, Y	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15
Delisi	E	+	+	+	E	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	80	84
Denny	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	95	93
Deshotel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	9	9
Driver	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	N	+	0	+	+	0	64	80
Dukes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dunnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	18	20
Dutton	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	18	12
Edwards	0	0	U	0	0	0	U	0	N	0	0	0	0	U	0	U	0	0	0	0	+	0	5	21
Ehrhardt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eiland	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	N	+	0	+	+	0	32	28
Elkins	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	77	91
Ellis	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	E	0	+	29	29
Farabee	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	U	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	27	27
Farrar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	9	4
Flores	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7
Gallego	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	E	+	0	+	0	0	15	22
Garcia	+	0	0	0	U	+	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	E	10	10
George	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77	77
Giddings	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	5	14
Glaze	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	23	26
Goodman	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	U	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	41	69
Goolsby	0	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	N	+	0	+	+	+	59	67

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Nixon	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	0	86	88	
Noriega	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	5	5	
Oliveira	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	U	+	E	0	+	0	10	18	
Olivo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	
Palmer	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	81	80	
Pickett	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	27	19
Pitts	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	N	68	84	
Puente	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	
Ramsay	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	U	+	0	+	+	0	45	58	
Rangel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	5	10
Reyna, A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reyna, E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	86	91	
Ritter	+	0	0	0	0	+	U	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	32	32	
Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	23	26	
Salinas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	
Seaman	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	82	84	
Shields	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	94	
Siebert	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	U	+	0	+	+	0	82	93	
Smith	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	64	71	
Smithee	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	71	88	
Solis, Jim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	9	10	
Solis, Juan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	5	5	
Solomons	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	82	86	
Staples	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	86	88	
Swinford	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	73	85	
Talton	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	96	
Telford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	27	41	
Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	U	0	18	14	
Tillery	+	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	U	23	25	
Truitt	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	U	0	+	+	+	N	+	N	+	+	+	73	73	
Turner, B	+	0	0	0	+	0	U	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	U	E	0	+	0	+	U	+	29	45	
Turner, S	+	0	U	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	13	
Uher	+	+	U	0	0	0	N	N	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	U	+	N	+	+	N	32	58	
Uresti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Van de Putte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	14	18	
Walker	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	U	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	53	68	
West	0	E	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	E	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	65	85	
Williams	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	91	
Wilson	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	U	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	36	23	
Wise	0	U	0	0	0	U	0	U	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	0	0	18	13	
Wohlgemuth	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	86	92	
Wolens	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	E	E	E	U	+	0	0	+	0	32	42	
Woolley	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	E	+	+	0	86	88	
Yarbrough	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	U	14	18	
Zbranek	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	N	0	+	0	N	27	24	

Senate Vote Explanations

- 1) **CSSB 30.** Passage of Floor Amendment 4 by Bernsen which would have allowed doctors to notify clergymen or counselors instead of parents when a minor was requesting an abortion. The Bernsen Amendment failed 10-21. YCT-NO on passage of the Bernsen Amendment. Passage of this amendment would have circumvented parental notification. YCT strongly believes in parents rights and that abortions should be treated as any other medical procedure. (3/17/99, p 648)
- 2) **CSSB 30.** Passage of Senate Bill 30 relating to parental notification for minors having abortions to third reading. SB30 passed 23-8 to third reading. YCT-YES on passage of SB30. This bill makes it tougher for minors to receive abortions and protects the rights of unborn children. (3/17/99, p 649)
- 3) **CSSB 7.** Motion to table Floor Amendment 28 by Barrientos which would force, by a commission, energy generation plants to make up stranded costs internally instead of passing those costs onto customers. The Barrientos Amendment was tabled 19-12. YCT-YES on motion to table the Barrientos Amendment. Stranded costs are the cost that it takes the power generation plant to produce power. By having the power plant pay this bill themselves would cut back on their profits and force the power plants to raise electricity rates to make up for the costs. This amendment would prohibit the power plants to raise customer's rates to pay for the cost of producing electricity. This amendment would have put unnecessary government regulations on the power generation business. (3/17/99, p 663)
- 4) **SB 717.** Motion to table Floor Amendment 4 by Ellis, which would have sunsetted this bill on September 1, 2003. This bill protects firearms manufacturers, trade associations, and sellers from government lawsuits relating to sales of firearms to the public. The Ellis Amendment was tabled 21-8. YCT-YES on motion to table the Ellis Amendment. Gun manufacturers and dealers should not be held responsible for the violence in our society. The passage of this amendment would have opened the gun dealers and manufacturers up to lawsuits by municipalities beginning September 1, 2003. (3/31/99, p 835)
- 5) **HB 673.** Motion to suspend the Senate Rules to take up HB 673 out of its regular calendar order to hear the bill. The motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate for passage. The motion passed 19-8. YCT-NO on suspension of Senate Rules to take up HB 673. If this motion had failed, HB 673 would have effectively died on the floor of the Senate instead of becoming law. This bill relates to minors under the age of fifteen having to wear bicycle helmets and is an unnecessary interference of individual liberties by government. Parents ought to be the ones responsible for a child's safety instead of the government. (5/21/99, p 2279)
- 6) **SB 644.** Passage of the bill relating to covenant marriages. This bill would make it voluntary for couples wanting to get married to make their marriage a sacred covenant, which includes a prohibition of no-fault divorces for those marriages. SB 644 passed 21-7. YCT-YES on passage of SB 644. YCT believes that marriages should be made for life in society and held in high respect. (5/11/99, p 1624)
- 7) **SB 980.** Passage of SB 980, which requires elementary teachers who teach science and math to disadvantaged students to take multiculturalism classes. SB 980 passed 28-2. YCT-NO on passage of SB 980. Multicultural classes are unnecessary to teaching students math and science and further bog down teachers and schools with political correctness. (4/27/99, p 1247)
- 8) **SB 8.** Passage of Floor Amendment 2 by West which would mandate that county or local governing bodies instate a policy, which would require local law enforcement agencies to provide names to the Department of Public Safety database of suspected gang members. The West Amendment failed 15-15. YCT-NO on passage of the West Amendment. This amendment would in effect give the state control over local law enforcement agencies. YCT believes that local law enforcement should remain so and that the state control of those agencies remain very limited. Also, the Department of Public Safety do not need the names of suspected gang members in a database. This is an invasion of privacy and in effect, creates a "Big Brother" environment. (4/27/99, p 1239)

- 9) **CSSB 4.** Motion to table Floor Amendment 6 by Barrientos relating to mandatory teacher pay raises when the Comptroller finds that estimated revenue from the undedicated portion of the general fund on August 31, 1999 or August 31, 2001 is greater than the estimated revenue on April 27, 1999. An automatic 40% of the projected surplus would go to teacher pay increases and 40% to higher education, while only 20% would go to property tax decreases. The Barrientos Amendment was tabled 20-10. YCT-YES on the motion to table the Barrientos Amendment. This amendment would have automatically given teachers pay increases according to a projected statewide revenue projection. Teachers, like other professions, should be given raises based on performance and quality, not an estimated budget surplus. This amendment would also spend money that may not necessarily be in the budget because it is based on a projected revenue increase. The Barrientos Amendment would also limit much needed property tax cuts. This amendment would have limited the Legislature's ability to allocate money to other necessary programs in the future and would have tied their hands. (4/28/99, p 1275)
- 10) **SB 614.** Motion to suspend the Senate Rules to take up SB 614 out of its regular calendar order to hear the bill. The motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate for passage. SB 614 relates to tort reform and allowing juries to apportion responsibility to people who cannot feasibly be joined in a lawsuit. The motion to suspend the rules failed to receive a 2/3 majority of the Senate and therefore failed 18-10. YCT-YES on suspension of the Senate rules to take up SB 614. YCT believes in personal responsibility when an offense is committed that requires a lawsuit instead of suing a third party for damages. This will save the courts money and end many of the absurd pay-outs given by juries to the winners of frivolous lawsuits.
- 11) **SB 188.** Motion to suspend the Senate Rules to take up SB 188 out of its regular calendar order to hear the bill. The motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate for passage. SB 188 would increase the penalties to persons who injure a pregnant woman. The motion to suspend the rules passed 23-6. YCT-YES on suspension of the Senate rules to take up SB 188. YCT holds the life and the rights of the unborn in very high respects. This bill will increase the penalties for injury to pregnant women and continue to protect the unborn.
- 12) **SB 970.** Motion to suspend the Senate Rules to take up SB 970 out of its regular calendar order to hear the bill. The motion to suspend the rules requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate for passage. SB 970 is Governor Bush's bill making illegal to operate an eight-liner in the State of Texas. The bill makes it clear that eight-liners are a form of gambling. The motion to suspend the rules passed 21-8. YCT-YES on the suspension of the Senate Rules to take up SB 970. YCT has always opposed gambling and the operation of eight-liners is a form of gambling.

Legislator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	%	C
Armbrister	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	57
Barrientos	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Bernsen	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
<i>Bivins</i>	+	+	+	+	+	N	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	81
<i>Brown</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	75	90
Cain	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	E	+	+	64	32
<i>Carona</i>	+	+	+	+	U	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	75	89
<i>Duncan</i>	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	67	73
Ellis	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15
<i>Fraser</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	92	89
Gallegos	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	8	18
<i>Harris</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	U	75	81
<i>Haywood</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	82
<i>Jackson</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	92	92
<i>Lindsay</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	82
Lucio	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	75	33
Luna	+	0	0	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	33	17
Madla	+	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	31
Moncrief	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	42	36
<i>Nelson</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	98
<i>Nixon</i>	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	67	84
<i>Ogden</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	85
<i>Ratliff</i>	+	+	+	+	U	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	74
<i>Shapiro</i>	+	+	+	E	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	91	94
Shapleigh	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	15
<i>Sibley</i>	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	83	79
Truan	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	33	17
<i>Wentworth</i>	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	67	77
West	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	25	26
Whitmire	0	0	0	+	+	N	0	0	0	+	E	0	27	34
Zaffirini	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	42	29

1999 Honor Roll

House

Leo Berman (100%)
 Ronny Crownover (100%)
 Mary Denny (95%)
 Charlie Howard (95%)
 Carl Isett (95%)
 Robert Talton (100%)

Frank Corte (93%)
 John Davis (95%)
 Talmadge Heflin (100%)
 Suzanna Gratia Hupp (95%)
 Mike Krusee (95%)
 Tommy Williams (95%)

Senate

Troy Fraser (92%)
 Jane Nelson (100%)

Mike Jackson (92%)
 Florence Shapiro (92%)

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