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Ratings of the 78th Texas Legislature

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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
- “P” means legislator is present not voting, penalties assigned
- “C” means legislator is Speaker for that particular vote, no 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 77th 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 2.** Passage of HB 2, the campaign finance bill. This bill sets up regulations for campaign contributions, expenditures, and political advertising. CSHB 2 passed 82-61-3. YCT-NO on passage of CSHB 2. Political candidates should be free to raise as much money as they wish and spend it as they need for campaign expenses without government limits. (RV 138, p 1166, 4/17/01).
- 2) **HB 236.** Passage of the bill prohibiting the execution of the mentally retarded. HB 236 passed 80-56-1. YCT-NO on passage of HB 236. This legislation would remove the sentencing power from juries and the execution of the mentally retarded has already been judged constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. (RV 617, p 4648, 5/26/01).
- 3) **HB 396.** Passage of HB 396, the bill that would allow applicants for a driver's license to provide information other than a social security card to obtain a driver's license and voter registration card. HB 396 passed 109-19-2. YCT-NO on passage of HB 396. DPS should use social security cards as identification for obtaining a driver's license to reduce fraud in the voter registration system. (RV 304, p 2005, 5/4/01).
- 4) **HB 472.** Passage of Amendment # 1 by Tillery and Smithee, preventing the repealing of the Business and Commerce Code. Amendment # 1 passed 87-55-2. YCT-NO on passage of the Tillery and Smithee Amendment. Class action lawsuits are a waste of taxpayer resources and are contrary to the intent of the judicial system. (RV 109, p 964-965, 4/4/01).
- 5) **HB 533.** Passage of the bill that would raise the Texas minimum wage rate to the federal level. HB 533 passed 78-66-1. YCT-NO on passage of HB 533. YCT opposes raising the minimum wage rate because the minimum wage represents an undue government interference with the free market and the right to contract and each incremental increase reduces the total number of jobs available. (RV 93, p 918. 4/2/01).
- 6) **HB 587.** Motion to table HB 587, the hate crimes bill. The motion to table HB 587 failed 60-84-1. YCT-YES on motion to table HB 587. Existing criminal laws should be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible. Legislation giving harsher penalties for crimes motivated by hatred is not needed. (RV 162, p 1371, 4/23/01).
- 7) **HB 678.** Passage of Amendment #1 by Hupp, which would prohibit the taking of fingerprints to obtain a driver's license without an applicant's consent. The Hupp Amendment failed 40-98-2. YCT-YES on passage of the Hupp Amendment. A database of citizen fingerprints without their consent is a violation of personal liberty. (RV 139, p 1171, 4/17/01).
- 8) **HB 757.** Passage of HB 757, creating an oversight committee to ensure the Office of Minority Health and Cultural Competency eliminates health and health access disparities in Texas. HB 757 passed 76-66-1. YCT-NO on passage of HB 757. This legislation increases the amount of governmental involvement in social issues and creates a redundant state organization. (RV 59, p 777, 3/20/01).
- 9) **CSHB 1082.** Passage of CSHB 1082. This bill prohibits employment discrimination in employee compensation. CSHB 1082 passed 62-56-1. YCT-NO on passage of CSHB 1082. There are already federal laws prohibiting discrimination in the workplace with regards to employee compensation. No new legislation is needed. (RV 295, p 1984, 5/4/01).
- 10) **HB 1094.** Motion to table Amendment # 1 by Wohlgemuth. This amendment would allow for the creation of the state prescription drug program for certain Medicare beneficiaries, proposed by HB 1094, to only be created if federal funds were available for the program. The Wohlgemuth amendment was tabled 80-63-2. YCT-NO on motion to table. This program will cost the state of Texas an

estimated \$230 million over the next five years. YCT promotes responsible spending of taxpayers' money. (RV 211, p 1520, 4/25/01).

- 11) **HB 1095.** Motion to table HB 1095, the bill that would make the School Health Advisory Committee permanent. Motion to table failed 68-75-1. YCT-YES on motion to table HB 1095. YCT believes in local control of schools. (RV 78, p 860, 3/27/01).
- 12) **HB 1296.** Passage to engrossment of HB 1296, the bill that prohibits discrimination by public educational institutions. HB 1296 passed to engrossment 78-62-2. YCT-NO on passage of HB 1296. There is no need for a law that will not be enforced by the state of Texas and will only be used in discrimination based lawsuits against public educational institutions. (RV374, p 2962, 5/10/01).
- 13) **HB 1621.** Motion to table HB 1621. This bill would require mass transit authorities to appoint board members who represent the transportation disadvantaged. The motion to table HB 1621 failed 61-78-2. YCT-YES on motion to table HB 1621. YCT does not support affirmative action in hiring practices. (RV 69, p 829, 3/22/01).
- 14) **HB 1641.** Motion to reconsider the vote by which HB 1641 passed. HB 1641 would provide certain "underrepresented" minority and rural students an equal opportunity to enroll in or receive a competitive scholarship for a graduate or professional degree. HB 1641 passed on reconsideration 119-17-3. YCT-NO on passage of HB 1641. All students should be given an equal opportunity to apply for competitive scholarships for state colleges without special treatment given to race or socio-economic background. (RV 111, p 978, 4/4/01).
- 15) **HB 1853.** Passage to engrossment of HB 1853. This bill increases the state's contribution towards the basic coverage of the State Kids Insurance Program (SKIP) enrollees from 80 to 100 percent. HB 1853 passed 94-36-2. YCT-NO on passage of HB 1853. YCT opposes socialized medicine. (RV 415, p 3130, 5/11/01).
- 16) **HB 1959.** Passage to engrossment of HB 1959, the bill that would allow for the state of Texas flexibility in determining how to count the household income of certain ineligible legal immigrants for eligibility in the food stamp program. HB 1959 passed 78-59-2. YCT-NO on passage of HB 1959. If the federal government does not recognize certain immigrants as eligible for food stamps, then the state of Texas should not count their income for allotting food stamps. (RV 416, p 3131, 5/11/01).
- 17) **HB 2017.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule on HB 2017. This bill would require that an area located in a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) be allowed to vote for the officials who make an application of an adoption, change, or referendum within the city and ETJ or to vote on each ordinance individually. If the citizens within the ETJ are not allowed this vote, this bill authorizes their removal from the ETJ of that particular city. The motion to suspend the three-day rule failed 75-31-3 (need 4/5 vote in the House to suspend). YCT-YES on motion to suspend the three-day rule. YCT believes that cities should treat their surrounding neighbors within their ETJ's fairly and allow them to vote for the leaders that pass ordinances that affect the ETJ area. (RV 409, p 3082, 5/10/01).
- 18) **HB 2048.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule to bring up HB 2048 for a vote on the House floor. HB 2048 abolishes capital punishment of minors. The motion to suspend the three-day rule failed 71-42-2 (requires 4/5 vote of the House). YCT-NO on motion to suspend. YCT believes that minors who commit heinous crimes should be tried as adults and held accountable for their actions. (RV 411, p 3096, 5/10/01).
- 19) **HB 2086.** Passage to engrossment of HB 2086. This bill would increase the taxable wage base used to compute unemployment insurance from \$9,000 to \$15,000 over a five-year period to introduce a new tax on employers. HB 2086 failed to pass to engrossment 63-75-2. YCT-NO on passage of HB 2086. YCT opposes all tax increases. (RV 372, p 2932, 5/10/01).

- 20) **HB 2575.** Motion to concur in Senate amendments on HB 2575 on the bill that raises the cap on student services fees \$100 per semester for state universities. This bill would allow for state universities to charge students up to \$250 per semester instead of the previous \$150 per semester on student services fees. The House concurred on the Senate amendments 125-10-2. YCT-NO on concurring on Senate amendments. Students are already spending enough on college without having more mandatory fees charged to them by universities. These fees also go to support many liberal student services that YCT does not agree with on principle. (RV 584, p 4371, 5/25/01).
- 21) **HR 1233.** House Honorary Resolution honoring State Representative Tommy Merritt. Certain State Representatives asked that their names be removed from HR 1233 after passage. YCT-NO on passage of HR 1233. This resolution is in violation of the honor system of the Texas House because it is considered campaign propaganda. (5/24/01).
- 22) **CSSB 49.** Motion to table the CSSB 49, which would have set up penalties for persons convicted of drug- and alcohol-related crimes who receive financial assistance by the state of Texas. The penalties inflicted by this bill would have been only a slap on the wrist to those convicted of these crimes. CSSB 49 bill was tabled 81-58-2. YCT-YES on motion to table CSSB 49. YCT believes that no persons convicted of drug- or alcohol-related crimes should be given financial assistance under any circumstances. (RV 508, p 3902, 5/22/01).
- 23) **CSSB 512.** Passage of CSSB 512 to third reading. This bill would allow for the appointment of a committee to manage the Permanent School Fund instead of the State Board of Education. A point of order was raised by Representative Delisi stating the unconstitutionality of this bill because the State Constitution gives the State Board of Education sole authority to manage this fund. CSSB 512 passed to third reading 76-64-2. YCT-NO on passage of CSSB 512. This bill would establish an appointed advisory committee to manage the permanent school fund that is not accountable to voters and is unconstitutional under the state constitution. (RV502, p 3858, 5/22/01).
- 24) **CSSB 1156.** Motion to table Amendment # 10 by P. King. This amendment would change the wording of the state Medicaid program bill to not allow women under the age of 18 to receive birth control from the Medicaid program. The P. King Amendment failed to be tabled 46-97-1. YCT-NO on motion to table the P. King Amendment. YCT believes that parents should have the right to give consent for their children to purchase contraceptives. Furthermore, YCT believes that the government should not subsidize contraceptives. (RV 500, p 3766, 5/22/01).

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	%	C
Solis	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	8
Solomons	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	U	0	+	E	E	+	0	0	+	+	E	76	84
Swinford	+	+	U	0	+	+	U	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	67	82
Talton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	92	95
Telford	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	U	0	U	0	0	0	0	U	U	0	0	0	E	C	0	5	37
Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Tillery	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	E	+	13	22
Truitt	E	+	+	0	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	82	79
Turner, B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	13	40
Turney, S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Uher	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	U	C	U	0	C	C	C	C	E	E	U	C	0	U	0	+	6	54
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	0
Villarreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker	0	+	U	0	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	+	0	+	0	0	U	0	+	46	63
West	0	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	E	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	E	E	+	57	80
Williams	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	88	90
Wilson	+	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	E	0	0	E	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	22
Wise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	8	12
Wohlgemuth	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	+	+	88	91
Wolens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	4	39
Woolley	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	0	+	+	+	+	91	88
Yarbrough	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	15
Zbrank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	19

Senate Vote Explanations

- 1) **CSHB 6.** Passage of Floor Amendment 2 by Barrientos which would have set up certain legislative controls over charter schools based on criteria set up by the state legislature. The Barrientos Amendment failed 13-17-1. YCT-NO on passage of the Barrientos Amendment. YCT believes that charter schools should be free of legislative controls. (5/16/01, p 2200)
- 2) **CSHB 236.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule to bring up CSHB 236 on third reading. CSHB 236 relates to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with mental retardation. The motion to suspend the three-day rule requires a 2/3 vote of Senate for passage. The motion to suspend prevailed 20-10-1. YCT-NO on motion to suspend. This bill would sentence mentally retarded individuals under one code of laws and everyone else under another code of laws. YCT believes the death penalty is most effective when applied fairly and consistently. (5/16/01, p 2151)
- 3) **HB 587.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule to bring up HB 587 on third reading. HB 587 is the Hate Crimes Bill. The motion to suspend the three-day rule prevailed 25-4-1. YCT-NO on suspending the three-day rule. Existing criminal laws should be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible. Legislation giving harsher penalties for crimes motivated by hatred are not needed. (5/7/01, p 1788)
- 4) **HB 587.** Final passage of HB 587. HB 587 passed 20-10. YCT-NO on passage of HB 587. (5/7/01, p 1789)
- 5) **HB 1537.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to bring up HB 1537 on second reading. HB 1537 is the bill that creates a pilot program to give health benefits to the children of migrant workers. The motion to suspend the Senate rules prevailed 21-8-1. YCT-NO on motion to suspend. YCT believes that health benefits should only be given out to citizens of the State of Texas and the United States. (5/22/01, p 2928)
- 6) **HB 1912.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule to bring up HB 1912 on third reading. HB 1912 relates to the authority of a municipality to impose and use utility fees for certain disabled access improvements. The motion to suspend failed to receive 2/3 approval by the Senate 18-11-1. YCT-NO on suspension of the three-day rule. YCT believes that municipalities should incorporate these improvements into their current city infrastructure budgets instead of passing new forms of taxes on its citizens. (5/23/01, p 3143)
- 7) **SB 85.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to bring up SB 85 on the Senate floor for consideration. SB 85 gives juries a three-option life without parole sentence for certain crimes. SB 85 passed 20-9-1. YCT-NO on passage of SB 85. YCT believes that capital murderers should be punished to the fullest extent of the law for their crimes. (5/2/01, p 1624)
- 8) **SB 108.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to consider SB 108 on the Senate floor. SB 108 relates to legislative control over the date of the first day of school for Texas public schools. The motion to suspend prevailed 26-6-1. YCT-NO on motion to suspend. YCT believes in local control of public education. The decision of when the first day of school starts should be set locally. (3/26/01, p 876)
- 9) **SB 269.** Motion to suspend the three-day rule to consider SB 269 on third reading. SB 269 relates to enhanced penalties for injuries to a pregnant woman. The motion to suspend prevailed 24-6-1. YCT-YES on motion to suspend the three-day rule. YCT is pro-life and holds the life and health of unborn children in high regard. (2/20/01, p388)
- 10) **SB 344.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to consider SB 344 on the Senate floor. SB 344 gives severance tax relief to oil companies in the state of Texas. The motion to suspend the Senate rules prevailed 22-5-3. YCT-YES on motion to suspend. YCT supports lower taxes and the cutting of taxes on businesses.

- 11) **SB 488.** Final passage of SB 488, the Defense of Marriage Act. This bill does not allow the state of Texas to recognize marriages between homosexuals from other states. SB 488 passed 22-8. YCT-YES on passage of SB 488. YCT believes marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Texas has long maintained this classic definition and should not be forced to accept radical policies of other states. (5/15/01, p2098)
- 12) **SB 524.** Final passage of SB 524, the bill that allows private schools to participate in University Interscholastic League sponsored activities. SB 524 passed 22-7-1. YCT-YES on passage of SB 524. Parents whose children attend private schools are still taxpayers. Accordingly, their children ought to be allowed to compete in UIL sponsored events. (3/19/01, p 801)
- 13) **SB 819.** Passage of Floor Amendment #1 by West that would set up background checks at gun shows within Texas. The West Amendment failed 7-21-1. YCT-NO on passage of the West Amendment. YCT supports the rights of gun owners and defends the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 14) **SB 924.** Final passage of SB 924 which will set up affirmative action in the college hiring process for their faculties and staff. SB 924 passed 24-5-1. YCT-NO on passage of SB 924. YCT supports color-blind policies in hiring that benefit people of all races. People should be hired based on their talents and merits instead of on superficial appearances. (4/4/01, p 1045)
- 15) **SB 974.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to consider SB 974 on the Senate floor. SB 974 is the bill that forces students to complete the recommended high school program to qualify for the top ten percent preference. The motion to suspend prevailed 22-8-1. YCT-YES on motion to suspend. YCT has actively lobbied against the top ten percent rule for four years because many qualified students are denied admission to the top state universities because of competitive high school classes. (4/2/01, p 995)
- 16) **SB 1814.** Passage of Floor Amendment # 1 by Shapleigh which would require 40 percent of tuition increases in law and pharmacy school studies to fund scholarships based on need within these respective schools. The Shapleigh Amendment failed 14-15-1. YCT-NO on passage of the Shapleigh Amendment. YCT believes that tuition costs are high enough already and strains the budgets of students. If tuition is increases, the money should be directed at enhancing the facilities and studies for the entire student body and not given to one specific interest group. (5/3/01, p 1664)
- 17) **SB 1837.** Final passage of the bill that would take \$250 million from the economic stability fund (Rainy Day Fund) to use for border projects. SB 1837 passed 26-4-1. YCT-NO on passage of SB 1837. YCT supports sound fiscal policies. (5/14/01, p 2008)
- 18) **SB 1839.** Final passage of the bill that would create a Robin Hood program to be created for the general upkeep of the retirement homes in Texas. This bill includes the "Granny Tax" fee. SB 1839 passed 18-11-1. YCT-NO on passage of SB 1839. YCT does not support tax or fee increases that promote a socialistic system. (5/10/01, p 1737)
- 19) **SCR 54.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to consider SCR 54. SCR 54 is the resolution that memorializes Congress to lift sanctions on Cuba. The motion to suspend prevailed 15-9-1. YCT-NO on motion to suspend the Senate rules. While YCT supports free trade with other nations, YCT abhors Communism. (5/16/01, p 2192)
- 20) **SJR 3.** Motion to suspend the Senate rules to consider SJR 3 on the Senate floor. SJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow for gubernatorial appointment of Texas Supreme Court justices and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals judges. The motion to suspend prevailed 21-8-1. YCT-NO on motion to suspend the Senate rules. YCT believes that judges should be held accountable to voters and therefore supports state-wide election of these offices. (4/25/01, p 1425)

Texas Senate Scorecard

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	%	C	
Armbrister	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	45	56	
Barrientos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	10	9	
Bernsen	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	25	25
Bivins	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	60	78	
Brown	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	0	+	0	0	53	87	
Cain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	35	32	
Carona	+	+	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	U	+	70	86	
Duncan	+	0	0	0	0	U	0	0	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	40	66	
Ellis	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	25	17	
Fraser	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	85	88	
Gallegos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	
Harris	+	0	0	0	0	+	E	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	U	0	+	U	U	47	78	
Haywood	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	U	0	70	79	
Jackson	+	+	+	+	U	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	85	89	
Lindsay	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	55	73	
Lucio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	32	
Madla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	28	
Moncrief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	P	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	15	33	
Nelson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95	97	
Ogden	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	70	82	
Ratliff	C	C	C	0	C	C	C	C	C	C	+	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	50	71	
Shapiro	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	84	92	
Shapleigh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	13	
Sibley	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	65	77	
Staples	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	0	+	+	+	E	0	77	85	
Truan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	10	17
Van de Putte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	E	+	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	17	
Wentworth	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	+	0	55	74	
West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	24	
Whitmire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	30	33	
Zaffirini	0	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	0	0	0	+	30	29

2001 Honor Roll

Scores from 90-100 Percent

Texas House

Betty Brown (91%)	Wayne Christian (96%)
Joe Crabb (92%)	Mary Denny (96%)
Talmadge Heflin (95%)	Fred Hill (92%)
Suzanne Gratia Hupp (96%)	Carl Isett (96%)
Sid Miller (91%)	Elvira Reyna (96%)
John Shields (96%)	Robert Talton (92%)
Beverly Woolley (91%)	

Texas Senate

Jane Nelson (95%)

Honorable Mention

Scores from 80-89 Percent

Rep. Leo Berman (87%)	Rep. Dennis Bonnen (83%)
Rep. Bill Callegari (83%)	Rep. Ron Clark (88%)
Rep. Frank Corte (82%)	Rep. Tom Craddick (83%)
Rep. John Davis (83%)	Rep. Dianne White Delisi (86%)
Sen. Troy Fraser (85%)	Rep. Rick Green (88%)
Rep. Peggy Hamric (83%)	Rep. Will Hartnett (83%)
Rep. Charlie Howard (88%)	Sen. Mike Jackson (85%)
Rep. Jerry Madden (83%)	Rep. Gene Seaman (88%)
Sen. Florence Shapiro (85%)	Rep. Vicki Truitt (82%)
Rep. Tommy Williams (88%)	Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth (88%)

Historical Honor Roll

Composite Scores 90-100 Percent

Rep. Leo Berman (94%)	Rep. Betty Brown (91%)
Rep. Wayne Christian (94%)	Rep. Frank Corte (91%)
Rep. Joe Crabb (93%)	Rep. Tom Craddick (90%)
Rep. Mary Denny (94%)	Rep. Will Hartnett (90%)
Rep. Talmadge Heflin (98%)	Rep. Fred Hill (90%)
Rep. Charlie Howard (95%)	Rep. Suzanne Gratia Hupp (97%)
Rep. Carl Isett (94%)	Rep. Mike Krusse (90%)
Rep. Jerry Madden (92%)	Sen. Jane Nelson (97%)
Rep. Elvira Reyna (92%)	Sen. Florence Shapiro (92%)
Rep. John Shields (94%)	Rep. Robert Talton (95%)
Rep. Tommy Williams (90%)	Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth (91%)

*Historical Honor Roll based on 2 or more sessions. No rookies included.

Most Liberal Representatives

All of the below scored a Zero Percentage

Jamie Capelo, Jr	Norma Chavez	Garnet Coleman
Debra Danburg	Yvonne Davis	Dawnna Dukes
Harryette Ehrhardt	Jessica Cristina Farrar	Kino Flores
Domingo Garcia	Bob Glaze	Juan Hinojosa
Scott Hochberg	Terri Hodge	Jesse Jones
Ann Kitchen	Vilma Luna	Glen Maxey
Ruth McClendon	Joe Moreno	Paul Moreno
Elliott Naishtat	Rick Noriega	Rene Oliveira
Dora Olivo	Irma Rangel	Jim Solis
Senfronia Thompson	Sylvester Turner	Carlos Uresti
Michael Villarreal	Ken Yarbrough	Zeb Zbranek

Most Liberal Senators

Gonzalo Barrientos (10%)	Mario Gallegos, Jr (0%)
Eliot Shapleigh (10%)	Carlos Truan (10%)
Leticia Van de Putte (11%)	Mike Moncrief (15%)

Most Conservative Democrats (entire Legislature)

Scores for Session above 40 percent

Sen. Ken Armbrister (45%)

Most Liberal Republicans (entire Legislature)

Scores for Session below 55 percent

Rep. Kip Averitt (54%)	Sen. Buster Brown (53%)
Rep. Bill Carter (54%)	Sen. Robert Duncan (40%)
Rep. Charlie Geren (50%)	Rep. Toby Goodman (50%)
Sen. Chris Harris (47%)	Rep. Delwin Jones (35%)
Sen. Jon Lindsay (55%)	Rep. Brian McCall (46%)
Rep. Gary Walker (46%)	Sen. Jeff Wentworth (55%)

Out of Touch: Liberal Legislators from Conservative Districts

House

<u>Legislator</u>	<u>2001 & Career Ratings</u>	<u>District & Hometown</u>
Barry Telford (Democrat)	5/37	1-DeKalb
Tom Ramsey (Democrat)	29/52	2-Mount Vernon
Tommy Merritt (Republican)	64/58	7-Longview
Paul Sadler (Democrat)	10/23	8-Henderson
Clyde Alexander (Democrat)	5/35	12-Athens
Jim McReynolds (Democrat)	21/25	17-Lufkin
Ron Lewis (Democrat)	32/42	19-Mauriceville
Zeb Zbranek (Democrat)	0/19	20-Liberty
Robert Cook (Democrat)	23/49	28-Eagle Lake
Kip Averitt (Republican)	54/75	56-Waco
Brian McCall (Republican)	46/70	66-Plano
David Farrabee (Democrat)	8/8	69-Wichita Falls
David Counts (Democrat)	4/36	70-Knox City
Robert Junell (Democrat)	12/31	72-San Angelo
Bob Turner (Democrat)	13/40	73-Coleman
Gary Walker (Republican)	46/63	80-Plains
Delwin Jones (Republican)	35/58	83-Lubbock
Charlie Geren (Republican)	50/50	89-Fort Worth
Bill Carter (Republican)	54/65	91-Fort Worth
Toby Goodman (Republican)	50/66	93-Arlington
Ken Yarbrough (Democrat)	0/15	138-Houston

Senate

David Cain (Democrat)	35/32	2-Dallas
David Bernsen (Democrat)	25/25	4-Woodlands
Mike Moncrief (Democrat)	15/33	12-Fort Worth
Robert Duncan (Republican)	40/66	28-Lubbock

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