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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We, as **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 an 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 by them to the Federal Government, as stated in the tenth amendment;

That the 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 life, 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 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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Message from Tony McDonald

Vice Chairman for Legislative Affairs

Thank you for viewing YCT's Ratings of the 81st Texas Legislature. The Young Conservatives of Texas have produced these ratings since 1975 as a public service to Texas voters. We hope that this, the 18th installment of our ratings, will continue the tradition that has made our legislative ratings the most respected, thorough, and trusted in the State of Texas.

In producing legislative ratings, YCT attempts to paint an accurate picture of each legislator's fidelity to conservative principles. The votes used range from the highly publicized (SR 14, suspension of the 2/3s rule in regard to Voter ID) to the relatively obscure (HB 90, prohibiting the sale of toy-like lighters). Yet YCT believes each vote included in our legislative ratings offers a clear choice between conservatism and liberalism.

As an aside, I would like to note that we attempt to use votes on 2nd reading (Passage to Engrossment) in the House and votes on the Motion to Suspend the Regular Order of Business in the Senate whenever possible. While there are circumstances that sometimes demand the use of a different vote, these two votes are the most important in determining whether a piece of legislation moves forward and therefore are the best point in the legislative process to measure our representatives' positions.

In addition, I should note a peculiarity to this session's ratings. YCT has elected to use the end-of-session authors lists to score HB 1893 and HB 5. HB 1893 would have allowed concealed carry permit holders to carry a concealed weapon on university campuses and HB 5 would have instituted a statewide public accommodations smoking ban. Supporting HB 1893 and opposing HB 5 were two of YCT's highest legislative priorities this session. So, despite the fact that neither received a record vote in the House, we felt it important to score them anyway. Because they were so contentious -- drawing more than 75 authors and coauthors -- YCT believes that the authors lists serve as reasonably accurate representations of which Representatives supported and opposed each bill.

Also, we have included a new feature to this year's legislative ratings -- a comparison of the scores of committee chairs from the 80th and 81st Legislatures. When the House of Representatives convened this January, there was much conjecture over how Speaker Joe Straus's leadership would differ from that of Speaker Tom Craddick. One of the most telling ways to measure a Speaker is to evaluate who he appointed as committee chairs because these people truly dominate the legislative process. Accordingly, on page 5, we have included a committee-by-committee comparison of the scores of the various committee chairs under Speaker Craddick during the 80th session and under Speaker Straus during the 81st session.

I will remind readers that these scores serve to document legislative history. They should not be construed as an endorsement for or against any given candidate.

Finally, I would like to thank the many members of Young Conservatives of Texas who helped bring this document together. These ratings are entirely a product of the volunteer efforts of students and young professionals busy with work and school. On the following page, along with the list of YCT state executive board members, there is a list of all members who make-up the 2009 YCT Legislative Ratings Committee.

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Scorecard Legend

Headers

P – Party Affiliation

81st – Rating for 81st Session

D – District Number

C – Career Rating

80th – Rating for 80th Session

+/- – Rating Change from Previous System

Scorecard Field

R – Indicates Republican

D – Indicates Democrat

Positive Votes

+ – Voted With YCT

Negative Votes

- – Voted Against YCT

C – Currently Holds the Chair

AU – Absent, Unexcused

Held-Harmless Votes

AE – Absent Excused

PNV – Present, Not Voting

All Journal Statements are given full-faith and scored accordingly.
Official Legislative Journals were used, accessed at www.legis.state.tx.us.

Awards and Categories

Historic Honor Roll

*Career Rating 90% & Above
(No Rookies)*

Rep. Paxton	95%
Rep. Christian	94%
Rep. Parker	93%
Rep. Laubenberg	93%
Rep. C. Howard	91%
Rep. Isett	90%
Rep. Crabb	90%
Sen. Nelson	90%

Honor Roll

81st Legislature 90% & Above

Rep. Paxton	97%
Rep. Weber	97%
Rep. Laubenberg	97%
Rep. Christian	94%
Rep. Legler	94%
Rep. Parker	94%
Rep. Fletcher	90%
Rep. Phillips	90%
Rep. Flynn	90%
Rep. C. Howard	90%
Rep. Riddle	90%

Honorable Mention

81st Legislature 80% - 89%

Rep. Aycock	87%
Rep. Smittee	87%
Rep. Eklins	87%
Rep. Crabb	87%
Rep. Taylor	87%
Rep. Hancock	87%
Rep. Isett	86%
Sen. Patrick	85%
Rep. Sheffield	84%
Rep. Craddick	84%
Rep. Harper-Brown	84%
Rep. B. Brown	84%
Rep. Anderson	84%
Rep. W. Smith	84%
Rep. Swinford	84%
Rep. Berman	82%
Sen. Fraser	82%
Rep. Kleinschmidt	81%
Rep. Orr	81%
Rep. Creighton	81%
Rep. Bonnen	81%
Rep. P. King	81%
Rep. Lewis	80%
Rep. Chisum	80%

Rookies of the Year

*Highest Scoring Rookie in Each
Chamber*

Rep. Weber	97%
Sen. Huffman	70%

Most Liberal Legislators

81st Legislator 10% & Below

Rep. Anchia	0%
Rep. Strama	3%
Rep. Villareal	3%
Rep. Bolton	3%
Sen. Ellis	4%
Sen. Shapleigh	4%
Rep. D. Howard	7%
Rep. Burnham	7%
Rep. Alvarado	7%
Rep. Farrar	7%
Rep. Pierson	7%
Rep. Cohen	7%
Rep. Hochberg	7%
Sen. Davis	7%
Sen. Watson	7%
Rep. Maldonado	10%
Rep. Thibaut	10%
Rep. Walle	10%
Rep. Gonzales	10%
Rep. Martinez Fischer	10%
Rep. Flores	10%
Rep. Dutton	10%
Rep. Allen	10%
Rep. Kent	10%
Rep. Alonzo	10%
Rep. Naishtat	10%
Rep. Hernandez	10%
Rep. Coleman	10%

Highest Scoring Democrats

81st Legislature 30% & Above

Rep. Homer	41%
Rep. McReynolds	39%
Rep. Farabee	36%
Rep. Frost	36%
Rep. Hopson ¹	36%
Rep. T. King	32%
Rep. Ritter	32%
Sen. Uresti	30%

Certified RINOs

Republicans in Name Only

*Republicans w/ Career Rating Under
60% in House or 50% in Senate*

Sen. Averitt	47%
Sen. Eltife	48%
Rep. Geren	55%
Rep. Merritt	56%
Rep. Jones	58%

Lowest Scoring Republicans

81st Legislator 55% & Below

Rep. McCall	27%
Sen. Averitt	31%
Sen. Wentworth	37%
Sen. Carona	39%
Sen. Deuell	41%
Rep. Pitts	41%
Sen. Eltife	48%
Rep. Merritt	48%
Rep. Jones	52%
Rep. Bohac	54%
Rep. Hartnett	55%
Rep. Jackson	55%
Rep. Keffer	55%
Rep. S. King	55%
Rep. Patrick	55%

Good Steps

*A Positive Change of 10% or More
from Previous Rating*

Sen. Hegar	23%
Sen. Ogden	21%
Rep. Hunter ²	20%
Sen. Duncan	15%
Sen. Seliger	12%
Rep. Smithee	11%
Rep. Swinford	11%

Dangerous Trends

*A Negative Change of 20% or More
from Previous Rating*

Rep. England	29 %
Rep. Flores	29%
Rep. Heflin	27%
Rep. Pitts	27%
Rep. Hughes	25%
Rep. Eissler	24%
Rep. Hartnett	22%
Rep. Villareal	22%
Rep. Keffer	21%
Rep. S. King	21%
Rep. Guillen	21%
Rep. Chavez	21%

1. Rep. Hopson switched parties to become a Republican after the 81st legislative session.
2. Rep. Hunter's improvement reflects the change from his last YCT rating during the 74th Legislature, when he served as a Democrat.

Change in Ratings by Standing Committee Chairmen

80th to 81st Legislature

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
81st: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>Gonzalez-Tourelles</i>	23
80th: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>Miller, Sid</i>	84
81st: Appropriations	<i>Pitts, Jim</i>	41
80th: Appropriations	<i>Chisum, Warren</i>	81
81st: Border & Intergovernmental Affairs	<i>Gonzales, Veronica</i>	10
80th: Border & International Affairs	<i>King, Tracy</i>	42
81st: Business & Industry	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	26
80th: Business & Industry	<i>Giddings, Helen</i>	27
81st: Calendars	<i>McCall, Brian</i>	27
80th: Calendars	<i>Woolley, Beverly</i>	77
81st: Corrections	<i>McReynolds, Jim</i>	39
80th: Corrections	<i>Madden, Jerry</i>	69
81st: County Affairs	<i>Coleman, Garnet</i>	10
80th: County Affairs	<i>Smith, Wayne</i>	89
81st: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Gallego, Pete</i>	16
80th: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Pena, Aaron</i>	44
80th: Juvenile Justice & Family Issues	<i>Dutton, Harold</i>	12
81st: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Homer, Mark</i>	41
80th: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Hilderbran, Harvey</i>	77
81st: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	<i>Corte, Frank</i>	70
80th: Defense Aff. & State-Fed. Relations	<i>Corte, Frank</i>	85
81st: Elections	<i>Smith, Todd</i>	58
80th: Elections	<i>Berman, Leo</i>	89
81st: Energy Resources	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	55
80th: Energy Resources	<i>Hardcastle, Rick</i>	73
81st: Environmental Regulations	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	74
80th: Environmental Regulations	<i>Bonnen, Dennis</i>	76
81st: General Investigations & Ethics	<i>Hopson, Chuck</i>	35
80th: General Investigations & Ethics	<i>Philips, Larry</i>	92
81st: Higher Education	<i>Branch, Dan</i>	61
80th: Higher Education	<i>Morrison, Geanie</i>	72
81st: House Administration	<i>Geren, Charlie</i>	59
80th: House Administration	<i>Goolsby, Tony</i>	58
81st: Human Services	<i>Rose, Patrick</i>	29
80th: Human Services	<i>Rose, Patrick</i>	46
81st: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	<i>Hunter, Todd</i>	68
80th: Civil Practices	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	77
80th: Judiciary	<i>Hartnett, Will</i>	77

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
81st: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	87
80th: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	76
81st: Land & Resource Management	<i>Bonnen, Dennis</i>	81
80th: Land & Resource Management	<i>Mowery, Anna</i>	52
81st: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Kuempel, Edmund</i>	57
80th: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Flores, Kino</i>	39
81st: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Thompson, Senfronia</i>	13
80th: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Howard, Charlie</i>	92
81st: Natural Resources	<i>Ritter, Allan</i>	13
80th: Natural Resources	<i>Puente, Robert</i>	19
81st: Pensions, Investments & Fin. Services	<i>Truitt, Vicki</i>	74
80th: Financial Institutions	<i>Solomons, Burt</i>	73
80th: Pensions & Investments	<i>Truitt, Vicki</i>	81
81st: Public Education	<i>Eissler, Rob</i>	61
80th: Public Education	<i>Eissler, Rob</i>	85
81st: Public Health	<i>Kolkhorst, Lois</i>	74
80th: Public Health	<i>D. White-Delisi</i>	77
81st: Public Safety	<i>Merritt, Tommy</i>	48
80th: Law Enforcement	<i>Driver, Joe</i>	73
81st: Redistricting	<i>Jones, Delwin</i>	52
80th: Redistricting	<i>Crabb, Joe</i>	92
81st: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	16
80th: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	32
81st: State Affairs	<i>Solomons, Burt</i>	70
80th: Government Reform	<i>Callegari, Bill</i>	84
80th: Regulated Industries	<i>King, Phil</i>	75
80th: State Affairs	<i>Swinford, David</i>	73
81st: Tech, Economic Dev. & Workforce	<i>Strama, Mark</i>	3
80th: Economic Development	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	35
81st: Transportation	<i>Pickett, Joe</i>	17
80th: Transportation	<i>Krusee, Mike</i>	72
81st: Urban Affairs	<i>Davis, Yvonne</i>	13
80th: Urban Affairs	<i>Bailey, Kevin</i>	32
81st: Ways & Means	<i>Oliveira, Rene</i>	15
80th: Local Gov. Ways & Means	<i>Hill, Fred</i>	77
80th: Ways & Means	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	78

Average Committee Chair Rating	
81st:	42
80th:	67
Change:	-25

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Legislative Ratings - 81st Session

QUICK REFERENCE -- LISTED BY NAME

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
House				
D	131	Allen	10	10
D	104	Alonzo	10	9
D	145	Alvarado	7	R
D	103	Anchia	0	15
R	56	Anderson	84	86
R	54	Aycock	87	86
R	6	Berman	82	88
R	138	Bohac	54	73
D	47	Bolton	3	9
R	25	Bonnen	81	78
R	108	Branch	61	74
R	4	Brown, B	84	87
R	14	Brown, F	74	74
D	90	Burnham	6	10
R	112	Button	74	R
R	132	Callegari	77	80
D	125	Castro	13	16
D	76	Chavez	11	14
R	88	Chisum	80	76
R	9	Christian	94	94
D	134	Cohen	7	9
D	147	Coleman	10	10
R	8	Cook	74	77
R	122	Corte	70	86
R	127	Crabb	87	90
R	82	Craddick	84	89
R	16	Creighton	81	83
R	64	Crownover	77	80
R	72	Darby	74	76
R	129	Davis, J	77	82
D	111	Davis, Y	13	10
D	22	Deshotel	26	20
R	113	Driver	66	79
D	46	Dukes	17	11
D	57	Dunnam	13	20
D	142	Dutton	10	13
D	146	Edwards	13	15
D	23	Eiland	17	25
R	15	Eissler	61	78
R	135	Elkins	87	83
D	106	England	29	43
D	69	Farabee	35	38
D	118	Farias	16	22
D	148	Farrar	7	7
R	130	Fletcher	90	R

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
D	36	Flores	10	13
R	2	Flynn	90	87
D	1	Frost	35	38
D	74	Gallego	16	20
R	20	Gattis	77	83
R	99	Geren	59	55
D	109	Giddings	13	16
D	35	Gonzalez Tourelles	23	28
D	41	Gonzales	10	16
D	31	Guillen	29	34
D	119	Gutierrez	16	R
R	19	Hamilton	71	66
R	91	Hancock	87	85
R	68	Hardcastle	65	63
R	126	Harless	71	76
R	105	Harper-Brown	84	87
R	114	Hartnett	55	85
D	85	Heflin	17	30
D	143	Hernandez	10	5
D	34	Herrero	19	20
R	53	Hilderbran	77	84
D	137	Hochberg	7	13
D	100	Hodge	19	14
D	3	Homer	41	36
D	11	Hopson	35	39
R	26	Howard, C	90	91
D	48	Howard, D	6	13
R	5	Hughes	67	85
R	32	Hunter	68	51
R	84	Isett	86	90
R	115	Jackson	55	69
R	83	Jones	52	58
R	60	Keffer	55	74
D	102	Kent	10	10
R	61	King, P	81	77
R	71	King, S	55	65
D	80	King, T	32	35
R	17	Kleinschmidt	81	R
R	13	Kolkhorst	74	74
R	44	Kuempel	57	78
R	89	Laubenberg	97	93
R	144	Legler	94	R
D	117	Leibowitz	13	18
R	81	Lewis	80	R
D	38	Lucio	16	16
R	67	Madden	70	83

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
D	52	Maldonado	10	R
D	110	Mallory Caraway	20	16
D	77	Marquez	16	R
D	116	Martinez Fischer	10	15
D	39	Martinez	16	22
R	66	McCall	27	63
D	120	McClendon	16	15
D	12	McReynolds	39	32
D	124	Menendez	16	23
R	7	Merritt	48	56
D	101	Miklos	16	R
R	73	Miller, D	71	R
R	59	Miller, S	79	84
D	78	Moody	23	R
R	30	Morrison	71	71
D	49	Naishtat	10	9
D	37	Oliveira	15	19
D	27	Olivo	21	15
R	58	Orr	81	84
D	33	Ortiz	13	12
R	18	Otto	66	75
R	63	Parker	94	93
R	94	Patrick	55	63
R	70	Paxton	97	95
D	40	Peña	29	30
R	62	Phillips	90	88
D	79	Pickett	17	24
D	93	Pierson	7	12
R	10	Pitts	41	72
D	75	Quintanilla	23	31
D	42	Raymond	20	26
R	150	Riddle	90	89
D	43	Rios Ybarra	28	R
D	21	Ritter	32	37
D	51	Rodriguez	13	15
D	45	Rose	29	36
R	55	Sheffield	84	R
R	97	Shelton	73	R
R	92	Smith, T	58	70
R	128	Smith, W	84	83
R	86	Smithee	87	84
R	65	Solomons	70	81
D	50	Strama	3	21
R	121	Straus	C*	67
R	87	Swinford	84	81
R	24	Taylor	87	87

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
D	133	Thibaut	10	R
D	141	Thompson	13	13
R	98	Truitt	74	78
D	96	Turner, C	13	R
D	139	Turner, S	17	17
D	107	Vaught	27	24
D	95	Veasey	20	21
D	123	Villareal	3	14
D	149	Vo	13	27
D	140	Walle	10	R
R	29	Weber	97	R
R	136	Woolley	68	82
R	28	Zerwas	61	69

Senate				
R	22	Averitt	31	47
R	16	Carona	39	61
D	10	Davis	7	R
R	2	Deuell	41	56
R	28	Duncan	56	55
D	13	Ellis	4	14
R	1	Eltife	48	48
R	30	Estes	63	67
R	24	Fraser	82	81
D	6	Gallegos	15	14
R	9	Harris	64	71
R	18	Hegar	67	56
D	20	Hinojosa	19	23
R	17	Huffman	70	R
R	11	Jackson	78	80
D	27	Lucio	19	38
R	12	Nelson	78	90
R	3	Nichols	63	63
R	5	Ogden	62	68
R	7	Patrick	85	87
R	31	Seliger	56	55
R	8	Shapiro	56	80
D	29	Shapleigh	4	12
D	19	Uresti	30	28
D	26	Van de Putte	19	27
D	14	Watson	7	15
R	25	Wentworth	37	61
D	23	West	11	26
D	15	Whitmire	22	25
R	4	Williams	67	73
D	21	Zaffirini	19	26

*Because the Speaker does not traditionally vote, Speaker Straus did not receive a score for the 81st Session.

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Legislative Ratings - 81st Session

QUICK REFERENCE -- LISTED BY SCORE

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
House				
R		70 Paxton	97	95
R		29 Weber	97	R
R		89 Laubenberg	97	93
R		9 Christian	94	94
R		144 Legler	94	R
R		63 Parker	94	93
R		130 Fletcher	90	R
R		2 Flynn	90	87
R		62 Phillips	90	88
R		26 Howard, C	90	91
R		150 Riddle	90	89
R		54 Aycocock	87	86
R		135 Elkins	87	83
R		86 Smithee	87	84
R		127 Crabb	87	90
R		91 Hancock	87	85
R		24 Taylor	87	87
R		84 Isett	86	90
R		56 Anderson	84	86
R		4 Brown, B	84	87
R		82 Craddick	84	89
R		105 Harper-Brown	84	87
R		55 Sheffield	84	R
R		128 Smith, W	84	83
R		87 Swinford	84	81
R		6 Berman	82	88
R		25 Bonnen	81	78
R		16 Creighton	81	83
R		61 King, P	81	77
R		17 Kleinschmidt	81	R
R		58 Orr	81	84
R		88 Chisum	80	76
R		81 Lewis	80	R
R		59 Miller, S	79	84
R		64 Crownover	77	80
R		20 Gattis	77	83
R		53 Hilderbran	77	84
R		132 Callegari	77	80
R		129 Davis, J	77	82
R		14 Brown, F	74	74
R		112 Button	74	R
R		8 Cook	74	77
R		72 Darby	74	76
R		13 Kolkhorst	74	74
R		98 Truitt	74	78

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
R		97 Shelton	73	R
R		19 Hamilton	71	66
R		126 Harless	71	76
R		73 Miller, D	71	R
R		30 Morrison	71	71
R		122 Corte	70	86
R		67 Madden	70	83
R		65 Solomons	70	81
R		32 Hunter	68	51
R		136 Woolley	68	82
R		5 Hughes	67	85
R		121 Straus	C*	67
R		113 Driver	66	79
R		18 Otto	66	75
R		68 Hardcastle	65	63
R		108 Branch	61	74
R		15 Eissler	61	78
R		28 Zerwas	61	69
R		99 Geren	59	55
R		92 Smith, T	58	70
R		44 Kuempel	57	78
R		114 Hartnett	55	85
R		115 Jackson	55	69
R		60 Keffer	55	74
R		71 King, S	55	65
R		94 Patrick	55	63
R		138 Bohac	54	73
R		83 Jones	52	58
R		7 Merritt	48	56
D		3 Homer	41	36
R		10 Pitts	41	72
D		12 McReynolds	39	32
D		69 Farabee	35	38
D		1 Frost	35	38
D		11 Hopson	35	39
D		80 King, T	32	35
D		21 Ritter	32	37
D		31 Guillen	29	34
D		40 Peña	29	30
D		45 Rose	29	36
D		106 England	29	43
D		43 Rios Ybarra	28	R
R		66 McCall	27	63
D		107 Vaught	27	24
D		22 Deshotel	26	20
		Gonzalez		
D		35 Toureilles	23	28

P	D	Legislator	81st	C
D		78 Moody	23	R
D		75 Quintanilla	23	31
D		27 Olivo	21	15
D		110 Mallory Caraway	20	16
D		42 Raymond	20	26
D		95 Veasey	20	21
D		34 Herrero	19	20
D		100 Hodge	19	14
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D		139 Turner, S	17	17
D		23 Eiland	17	25
D		85 Heflin	17	30
D		79 Pickett	17	24
D		118 Farias	16	22
D		74 Gallego	16	20
D		119 Gutierrez	16	R
D		38 Lucio	16	16
D		77 Marquez	16	R
D		39 Martinez	16	22
D		120 McClendon	16	15
D		124 Menendez	16	23
D		101 Miklos	16	R
D		37 Oliveira	15	19
D		33 Ortiz	13	12
D		125 Castro	13	16
D		111 Davis, Y	13	10
D		57 Dunnam	13	20
D		146 Edwards	13	15
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D		141 Thompson	13	13
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D		36 Flores	10	13
D		41 Gonzales	10	16
D		143 Hernandez	10	5
D		102 Kent	10	10
D		52 Maldonado	10	R
D		116 Martinez Fischer	10	15
D		49 Naishtat	10	9

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D		140 Walle	10	R
D		137 Hochberg	7	13
D		134 Cohen	7	9
D		93 Pierson	7	12
D		145 Alvarado	7	R
D		148 Farrar	7	7
D		90 Burnham	6	10
D		48 Howard, D	6	13
D		47 Bolton	3	9
D		50 Strama	3	21
D		123 Villareal	3	14
D		103 Anchia	0	15

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R	7	Patrick	85	87
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R	11	Jackson	78	80
R	12	Nelson	78	90
R	17	Huffman	70	R
R	18	Hegar	67	56
R	4	Williams	67	73
R	9	Harris	64	71
R	30	Estes	63	67
R	3	Nichols	63	63
R	5	Ogden	62	68
R	28	Duncan	56	55
R	31	Seliger	56	55
R	8	Shapiro	56	80
R	1	Elitfe	48	48
R	2	Deuell	41	56
R	16	Carona	39	61
R	25	Wentworth	37	61
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D	15	Whitmire	22	25
D	26	Van de Putte	19	27
D	20	Hinojosa	19	23
D	27	Lucio	19	38
D	21	Zaffirini	19	26
D	6	Gallegos	15	14
D	23	West	11	26
D	10	Davis	7	R
D	14	Watson	7	15
D	13	Ellis	4	14
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*Because the Speaker does not traditionally vote, Speaker Straus did not receive a score for the 81st Session.

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1. HB 873 *Final Passage; March 26, 2009*

Record Vote #64 (Journal Page 937): 139 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 873 will provide taxpayer funded grants for the development of film, television, and multimedia projects. The market is the best provider of industry; it is unwise and unfair for government to take money from taxpayers and bestow it on certain industries in lieu of others.

2. HB 824 *Second Reading; April 1, 2009*

Record Vote #89 (Journal Page 1030): 88 Yeas, 57 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: NAY. Current Texas law requires an investigation of certain crimes committed by an adult to determine if it constituted a “hate crime.” HB 824 would have applied the same standards to crimes in juvenile courts and would have required those found to have committed a hate crime to do additional counseling classes and community service. Texas should prosecute crimes, not the opinions of criminals. Additionally, this standard can be horribly misconstrued to give a double standard to criminals of different races. As disgraceful as laws like these are for adults, applying them to a juvenile who may not be wholly responsible for their worldview at the time is just another way for the state to take a bigger part in controlling the development of children.

3. SB 1 – Amendment 113 *Adoption; April 17, 2009*

Record Vote #178 (Journal Page 1349): 122 Yeas, 23 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. Amendment 113 prohibits the allocation of state funds for the purposes of funding a school voucher program. This amendment inhibits competition between public and private schools in addition to preventing lower income families from choosing to send their children to a better performing private school rather than being stuck in an underperforming public school. Parents should have the ability to choose the type of education their child receives rather

than being forced to send their children where government decides. Opening up the education market by allowing parents this choice will empower citizens, expand competition between schools, and will ultimately lead to a higher quality education for kids.

4. SB 1 – Amendment 128 *Motion to Table;*

April 17, 2009

Record Vote #180 (Journal Page 1361): 95 Yeas, 46 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. Amendment 128 would have expanded a relatively limited \$280,000 mental health program designed for the Permian Basin to cover the entire state at a cost of more than \$35 million. The program would have been much too large and costly for taxpayers. Furthermore, YCT opposes the practice of amending extremely large programs onto omnibus bills without proper debate or public input.

5. SB 1 – Amendment 213 *Adoption; April 17, 2009*

Record Vote #185 (Journal Page 1407): 84 Yeas, 59 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: YEA. This amendment requires the Legislative Budget Board to conduct a study evaluating the effect of changing the constitutional and statutory spending limit based on the rate of growth of the economy to a spending limit based on the sum of the rate of population growth and the rate of monetary inflation. Such a change would better limit the growth of government by using more precise criteria. It is important that Texas continues to ensure that we manage spending increases in government correctly and in a way that promotes fiscal responsibility.

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6. HB 482 *Final Passage; April 21, 2009*

Record #216 (Journal Page 1622): 84 Yeas, 60 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 482 would have allowed the state to give grants to certain convenience stores for the purchase of refrigeration units to store fruits and vegetables. The bill falsely assumes that government can provide the goods and services that consumers need and demand better than the market. Government should not meddle in the market and should not show favoritism to some businesses in lieu of others.

7. HB 232 *Final Passage; April 22, 2009*

Record Vote #228 (Journal Page 1692): 120 Yeas, 25 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 232 would have provided taxpayer funded grants to pay for voicemail services for the homeless. Charity should be left up to individuals, not compelled upon taxpayers.

8. HB 492 *Final Passage; April 24, 2009*

Record Vote #316 (Journal Page 1851): 119 Yeas, 15 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 492 provided government support for faith based charities. On final passage, the bill was amended to include non-discrimination requirements for services and employment at all participating charities. These requirements would have severely violated the freedoms of speech, expression, association, and religion of many participating religious charity services. These non-discrimination clauses are further evidence of the danger created when government meddles with private charity.

9. HB 1462 *Final Passage; April 27, 2009*

Record Vote #329 (Journal Page 1882): 87 Yeas, 57 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 1462 authorizes a state employee to be granted paid leave, not to exceed 5 hours each month, to participate in mandatory training or volunteer work for Court Appointed Special Advocates, a volunteer organization. Volunteer work is important and

admirable, but Texas should not pay its state employees with our tax dollars to volunteer. Charity should be left up to individuals, not compelled upon taxpayers.

10. HJR 77 *Adoption; April 27, 2009*

Record Vote #332 (Journal Page 1917): 104 Yeas, 40 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HJR 77 would have created an appointed council to manage the Permanent School Fund, taking the authority over that fund away from the elected State Board of Education. Authority over government funds should be kept as close to the voter as possible. Because of this, YCT opposes any and all efforts to take power away from the State Board of Education and give it to unelected bureaucrats.

11. HB 3 – Amendment 34 *Motion to Table; April 29, 2009*

Record Vote #406 (Journal Page 2069): 95 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. Amendment 34 would have removed a section from HB 3, an omnibus education bill, which limited the amount of Spanish language testing to three years below the 5th grade. Students, teachers, and our state would be best served through English immersion programs instead of bilingual education. The provisions in HB 3 that Amendment 34 would have removed are not immersion, but they represent small and very sensible steps in that direction.

12. HB 90 *Final Passage; May 1, 2009*

Record Vote #488 (Journal Page 2283): 97 Yeas, 42 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 90 would have prohibited the sale or distribution for retail sale or promotion in Texas of a “toy-like lighter.” The responsibility of restricting children from playing with lighters lies with a child’s parent or guardian, not with the government.

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13. HB 1569 *Final Passage; May 5, 2009*
Record Vote #545 (Journal Page 2462): 100 Yeas, 36 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 1569 would have made motorcyclists (or those who dress like them) a protected class for public accommodations purposes. While we do believe in equal rights for everyone, creating new classes of people who deserve special protection is the wrong way to accomplish that goal. In addition, this bill restricts the owner of a business's right to refuse service to whomever he or she sees fit.

14. HB 2692 *Final Passage; May 5, 2009*
Record Vote #546 (Journal Page 2463): 73 Yeas, 68 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. HB 2692 was aimed at addressing the issue of rising property taxes and appraisals driving low income individuals out of their homes. To address this problem, the bill would have enabled certain Texas cities to limit the price of homes located within one mile of a commuter rail station. HB 2692 misdiagnosed the problem, instituting an extreme form of price controls rather than addressing the underlying problem of property taxes and appraisals. YCT is opposed to price controls and supports the elimination of property taxes.

15. HB 710 *Second Reading; May 5, 2009*
Record Vote #566 (Journal Page 2513): 74 Yeas, 68 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 710 would have subjected the State Board of Education to periodic sunset review. This review process was intended to and would have been used to limit the powers of the elected board. YCT opposes any and all efforts to take power away from the State Board of Education and give it to unelected bureaucrats.

16. HB 3097 – Amendment 9 *Motion to Table; May 5, 2009*
Record Vote #564 (Journal Page 2505): 75 Yeas, 65 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. Amendment 8 to HB 3097 created the "Choose Life" license plate fund which

would have allowed Texans to place a "Choose Life" license plate on their vehicle, with proceeds from the sales going towards services that help women in crisis pregnancies choose options other than abortion. YCT strongly supports the Choose Life license plate campaign. Amendment 9, however, would have required that all proceeds to the fund go to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, instead of charities. This amendment would have obscenely misled Texans, turning a worthy, voluntary charity cause into a new fee on Texas drivers.

17. HB 3097 – Amendment 2 *Motion to Table; May 6, 2009*

Record Vote #613 (Journal Page 2612): 86 Yeas, 48 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: Yea. Amendment 2 on third reading of HB 3097 would have created a "Pro-Family, Pro-Choice" license plate fund to compete with the "Choose Life" license plate fund discussed in Item 16 above. One cannot favor the destruction of innocent human life through abortion and be "Pro-Family." This amendment constituted an obscene attempt to use Texas license plates to promote the destruction of human life.

18. HB 130 *Second Reading; May 7, 2009*
Record Vote #656 (Journal Page 2749): 109 Yeas, 32 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 130 would have created a universal pre-kindergarten system in Texas. Universal pre-kindergarten is nothing more than state-funded day care and represents another cradle-to-grave entitlement. Its advocates are primarily those who would like to indoctrinate children at an even younger age. Additionally, studies have proven that pre-kindergarten does not do a good job at giving children a head start on K-12 education. Parents who want to provide their children with pre-kindergarten education already have the right to do that privately and should not look to the government for a hand-out.

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19. SB 1237 *2nd Reading; May 11, 2009*

Record Vote #744 (Journal Page 3167): 92 Yeas, 45 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. SB 1237 will allow juvenile probation officers to carry firearms while working. The bill sensibly allows these officers to protect themselves by exercising their Second Amendment rights.

20. HB 1229 *Final Passage; May 13, 2009*

Record Vote #806 (Journal Page 337): 140 Yeas, 4 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: YEA. HB 1229 would have transferred the authority for appointing and removing members of an appraisal review board from the appraisal district board of directors to the county judge in which the appraisal district is established. The bill would have improved accountability by putting an elected official in charge of appointments rather than an unelected board. Public officials shouldn't be able to hide behind unelected and unaccountable boards and should be accountable to the voters.

21. HB 836 – Amendment 3 *Motion to Table; May 14, 2009*

Record Vote #869 (Journal Page 3661): 97 Yeas, 32 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: YEA. HB 836 would have authorized the hunting of feral hogs from a helicopter and required the Parks and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules governing this activity. Amendment 3 to the bill, however, would have prevented any property owner from making a profit on helicopter based hog hunting. Profit motives are a good thing; not something to be feared or opposed. A profit motive would only have increased the effectiveness of hog eradication programs.

22. HB 2962 *Final Passage; May 15, 2009*

Record Vote #881 (Journal Page 3734): 87 Yeas, 55 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 2962 would have expanded enrollment for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). YCT believes in personal accountability, and that further expansion of

CHIP to include families who can afford to purchase health care but misappropriate their own funds is unallowable.

23. HB 498 *Final Passage; May 15, 2009*

Record Vote #886 (Journal Page 3471): 87 Yeas, 51 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 498 established an advisory panel to assist with a study regarding the prevention of wrongful convictions. Juries are the best means to a fair criminal justice system. Such a commission politicizes our criminal justice system and casts doubt on juries.

24. HB 2511 – Amendment 5 *Adoption; May 19, 2009*

Record Vote #887 (Journal Page 3745): 58 Yeas, 81 Nays, 1 PNV

YCT: YEA. HB 2511, by Todd Smith, would have imposed McCain-Feingold style campaign finance rules on state races. Amendment 5 would have eliminated any effect of the bill by commissioning an interim study on the subject. Campaign contribution limits and overbearing regulations limit the free speech rights of Texans and should be opposed.

25. SB 1410 – Amendment 1 *Adoption; May 20, 2009*

Record Vote #1024 (Journal Page 4130): 16 Yeas, 120 Nays, 5 PNV

YCT: NAY. Amendment 1 to SB 1410 would have required every homeowner in the state to install sprinkler systems in their homes, an extreme and costly overextension of the power of our state government which infringed on the private property rights of homeowners.

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26. SB 1569 – Amendment 13 *Adoption of Amendment; May 21, 2009*

Record Vote #1052 (Journal Page 4276): 74 Yeas, 67 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: NAY. Amendment 12 to SB 1569 would have required individuals who receive unemployment benefits to undergo drug testing. Taxpayers should not be forced to give charity to drug users who abuse the system. Furthermore, individuals receiving unemployment benefits are required to show that they are willing and able to accept work. Because most jobs require a drug test, a person who refuses to take a drug test or who fails a drug test demonstrates that they are not willing or able to accept employment. Amendment 13 gutted this provision, changing it to an interim study of the issue by the legislature.

27. HB 300 *Motion to Instruct Conferees; May 27, 2009*

Record Vote #1373 (Journal Page 5067): 84 Yeas, 59 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: YEA. This vote was a motion to instruct conferees to retain the House Bill position on Local Option Taxes, which the Senate inserted into HB 300. The Local Option Provision would have opened the door for local governments to raise gas taxes and other transportation fees in order to fund transportation projects. With rising gas prices and a slowing economy, these tax proposals were ill advised. Additionally, the legislature should end State Highway Fund diversions, spend current transportation revenue more efficiently by only funding projects that reduce congestion and/or increase safety, and increase transparency by placing local government check registers online before a tax increase is considered.

28. HB 300 *Motion to Instruct Conferees; May 27, 2009*

Record Vote #1374 (Journal Page 5068): 103 Yeas, 28 Nays, 4 PNV

YCT: YEA. This vote was a motion to instruct conferees to keep amendments 101 and 102 in HB 300. These amendments would have rapidly phased out red light cameras. YCT opposes

red light cameras because they exist solely for the purpose of raising revenue for cities.

Additionally, despite claims that they increase safety, many tests have proven that red light cameras actually cause more accidents.

29. HB 4294 *Motion to Concur; May 29, 2009*

Record Vote #1524 (Journal Page 5883): 118 Yeas, 24 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: NAY. HB 4294 authorizes the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency to approve electronic textbooks and educational software to be funded through the school textbook fund. YCT is skeptical of the effect electronic textbooks and software will have on education. However, more importantly, this bill would have taken authority over learning materials away from the elected State Board of Education and given it to the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency. YCT opposes any and all efforts to take power away from the State Board of Education and give it to unelected bureaucrats.

30. HB 5 *Authoring*

Authors and Coauthors Penalized

*Note: Used Authors/Coauthors List. See comments on Page 2.

HB 5 would have banned smoking in all workplaces and public businesses in Texas. Private property rights are essential to liberty. A statewide smoking ban violates the rights of property owners to decide whether smoking should be allowed in their establishments.

31. HB 1893 *Authoring*

Authors and Coauthors Rewarded

*Note: Used Authors/Coauthors List. See comments on Page 2.

HB 1893 would have allowed concealed handgun permit holders to carry a concealed weapon on college campuses. The existing prohibition is a violation of students' 2nd amendment rights and is counterproductive, effectively prohibiting only law abiding citizens from carrying guns for their own protection.

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D	46	Dukes	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	17	31	-14	11	
D	57	Dunnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	13	19	-6	20	
D	142	Dutton	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	10	12	-2	13	
D	146	Edwards	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	AU	-	AU	AU	AU	AU	-	-	AU	-	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	PNV	-	+	+	-	-	-	13	27*	-14	15	
D	23	Eiland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	-	-	AU	-	-	+	+	AU	AU	AU	+	-	+	AU	-	-	-	17	21	-4	25	
R	15	Eissler	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	61	85	-24	78	
R	135	Elkins	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	87	83	4	83	
D	106	England	-	-	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	+	+	29	58	-29	43	
D	69	Farabee	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	35	54	-19	38	
D	118	Farias	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	16	27	-11	22	
D	148	Farrar	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	7	0	7	7	
R	130	Fletcher	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	90	X	R	R	
D	36	Flores	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	10	39	-29	13	
R	2	Flynn	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90	88	2	87	
D	1	Frost	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	35	42	-7	38	
D	74	Gallego	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	16	25	-9	20	
R	20	Gattis	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77	89	-11	83	
R	99	Geren	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	C	+	-	-	+	AU	-	C	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	59	71	-12	55	
D	109	Giddings	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	13	27	-14	16	
D	35	Gonzalez Tourelles	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	23	23	0	28	
D	41	Gonzales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	10	15	-5	16	
D	31	Guillen	-	-	AU	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	29	50	-21	34	
D	119	Gutierrez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	16	X	R	R	
R	19	Hamilton	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	71	69	2	66	
R	91	Hancock	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	87	84	3	85	
R	68	Hardcastle	-	AU	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	65	73	-8	63
R	126	Harless	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	71	81	-10	76	
R	105	Harper-Brown	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	+	84	89	-5	87	
R	114	Hartnett	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	55	77	-22	85	
D	85	Heflin	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	AU	-	-	+	-	AU	AU	-	-	AU	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	AE	-	-	17	44	-27	30	
D	143	Hernandez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	10	0	10	5	
D	34	Herrero	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	19	12	7	20	

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R	53	Hilderbran	AU	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	AU	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	77	77	0	84
D	137	Hochberg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	AE	AE	C	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	12	-5	13	
D	100	Hodge	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	19	23	-4	14
D	3	Homer	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	C	C	-	+	+	41	46	-5	36	
D	11	Hopson	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	35	54	-19	39	
R	26	Howard, C	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	90	92	-2	91	
D	48	Howard, D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	19	-13	13	
R	5	Hughes	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	C	AU	-	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	67	92	-25	85	
R	32	Hunter	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	68	48*	20	51	
R	84	Isett	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	AU	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	86	92	-6	90	
R	115	Jackson	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	55	65	-11	69	
R	83	Jones	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	AU	-	+	-	52	46	6	58	
R	60	Keffer	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	AU	AU	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	55	76	-21	74	
D	102	Kent	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	X	10	10	
R	61	King, P	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	81	75	6	77	
R	71	King, S	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	AU	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	55	76	-21	65	
D	80	King, T	-	-	-	+	AU	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	AU	+	+	32	42	-10	35	
R	17	Kleinschmidt	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	81	X	R	R	
R	13	Kolkhorst	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	AU	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	74	91	-17	74	
R	44	Kuempel	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	+	57	69	-12	78
R	89	Laubenberg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	97	96	1	93		
R	144	Legler	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94	X	R	R	
D	117	Leibowitz	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	13	12	1	18	
R	81	Lewis	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	AE	+	-	80	X	R	R	
D	38	Lucio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	16	16	0	16	
R	67	Madden	-	AE	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	AU	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	PNV	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	70	69	1	83	
D	52	Maldonado	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	10	X	R	R	
D	110	Mallroy Caraway	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AE	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	AE	+	AU	AE	AE	AE	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	20	12	8	16	
D	77	Marquez	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	16	X	R	R	
D	116	Martinez Fischer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	10	13	-3	15	
D	39	Martinez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	-	+	16	28	-12	22	
R	66	McCall	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	C	-	-	-	-	-	27	46	-19	63	

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D	120	McClendon	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	16	32	-16	15
D	12	McReynolds	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	39	35	4	32
D	124	Menendez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	AU	-	+	-	16	24	-8	23
R	7	Merritt	-	+	-	-	+	AU	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	48	46	2	56
D	101	Miklos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	16	X	R	R
R	73	Miller, D	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	71	X	R	R
R	59	Miller, S	-	+	+	+	+	AE	-	+	+	+	AU	AE	+	+	+	+	+	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	PNV	+	+	+	+	+	+	79	84	-5	84
D	78	Moody	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	23	X	R	R
R	30	Morrison	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	71	72	-1	71
D	49	Naishtat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	-2	9
D	37	Oliveira	-	C	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	AE	+	AE	-	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	+	-	15	24	-9	19
D	27	Olivo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	21	12	9	15
R	58	Orr	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	81	89	-8	84
D	33	Ortiz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	AE	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	13	12	1	12
R	18	Otto	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	AE	AE	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	66	81	-15	75
R	63	Parker	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	94	92	2	93
R	94	Patrick	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	55	72	-17	63
R	70	Paxton	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	97	96	1	95
D	40	Peña	-	-	-	AU	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	29	44	-15	30
R	62	Phillips	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	90	92	-2	88
D	79	Pickett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	17	31	-14	24
D	93	Pierson	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AE	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	17	-10	12
R	10	Pitts	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	AE	-	+	+	AU	+	AE	AE	AE	AE	+	+	+	AE	AE	AE	AE	-	AU	AU	-	+	-	41	68	-27	72
D	75	Quintanilla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	AU	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	23	35	-12	31
D	42	Raymond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	20	39	-19	26
R	150	Riddle	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	-	+	-	+	+	90	96	-6	89
D	43	Rios Ybarra	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	+	+	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	28	X	R	R
D	21	Ritter	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	32	46	-14	37
D	51	Rodriguez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	13	12	1	15
D	45	Rose	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	29	46	-17	36
R	55	Sheffield	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	84	X	R	R
R	97	Shelton	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	73	X	R	R
R	92	Smith, T	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	58	65	-7	70

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SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SR 14** Adoption; January 14, 2009

Journal Page 28: 18 Yeas, 13 Nays

YCT: YEA. SR 14 was a vote to adopt permanent rules of the Senate of the 81st Legislature, including a provision that Voter ID would not require a 2/3 majority of the Senate to pass. Any legislative tactic aimed at easing passage of a Voter ID Bill falls in line with the fundamental belief that every vote should count once and that all votes cast should be legitimate. Voter fraud is a hazard to the public's trust in good government and curable procedural issues should not stand in the way of addressing this important problem.

2. **SB 315** Motion to Suspend the Rules; March 23, 2009

Journal Page 654: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 315 would have created a bipartisan commission for congressional redistricting. Redistricting, as with most functions of government, should be responsible to the will of voters, and this bill sought to take the power of redistricting out of the hands of the most representative branch of government. A bipartisan commission would instill a permanent balance between the parties that would not be reflective of the political make-up of our state. Furthermore, a commission of this sort would inevitably serve to protect the interests of incumbents, above all else.

3. **SB 175 – Amendment 11** Adoption; March 24, 2009

Journal Page 679: 13 Yeas, 18 Nays

YCT: YEA. Amendment 11 to SB 175 would have removed all parts of the Texas Education Code regarding Texas' Top 10% automatic admission policy, a form of affirmative action. College admissions decisions should be made on the basis of individual student achievement, including test scores and extracurricular activities.

4. **SB 298** Motion to Suspend the Rules; March 30, 2009

Journal Page 751: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 298 would have eliminated the restriction on DPS and other law enforcement agencies using DWI checkpoints. DWI checkpoints violate the privacy of drivers and fail to uphold the standard of probable cause in law enforcement.

5. **SB 1** Final Passage; April 1, 2009

Journal Page 835: 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT: YEA. On March 23rd, Appropriations Chair Steve Ogden inserted a rider into the Appropriations bill prohibiting state funds from being spent on embryonic stem cell research. Certain members vowed to vote against the budget because of the rider, and the appropriations bill became a test vote on state funded embryonic stem cell research. *All* life is precious and *innocent* life is most deserving of protection. The stem cell rider, had it remained in the bill, would have maintained proper medical ethics in Texas and would have protected innocent human life from medical experimentation.

6. **SB 855** Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 8, 2009

Journal Page 960: 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 855 would have opened the door for local governments to raise gas taxes and other transportation taxes in order to fund transportation projects. With rising gas prices and a slowing economy, these tax proposals were ill advised. Additionally, the legislature should end State Highway Fund diversions, spend current transportation revenue more efficiently by only funding projects that reduce congestion and/or increase safety, and increase transparency by placing local government check registers online before a tax increase is considered.

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7. SB 1049 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 15, 2009*

Journal Page 1033: 22 Yeas, 8 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 1049 would have raised the legal age for purchasing, possessing, and using cigarettes to 19. Adults 18 years of age or older should be free to make their own decisions regarding the use of tobacco products. Liberty demands that adults be free to make their own decisions, and indeed their own mistakes.

8. SB 1569 *Final Passage; April 16, 2009*

Journal Page 1101: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: NAY. Early in the 81st Legislative Session, Governor Perry announced that he would reject \$7 billion in federal “stimulus” funds that were intended for unemployment benefits. The funds had strings attached that would have forced the state to permanently expand our unemployment compensation system in ways Texans did not want. YCT supported the Governor in rejecting these funds. SB 1569 would have forced the Governor to accept the strings-attached unemployment compensation funds.

9. SB 921 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 22, 2009*

Journal Page 1321: 26 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT: YEA. SB 921 was drafted in response to the corruption at the Perdarnales Electric Cooperative, which suffered from a lack of transparency in meetings and records, and would have required open meetings, records, and fair elections for electric coops. Electrical cooperatives operate as quasi-governmental entities, legally embracing certain areas and populations. As such, members should have access to cooperative meetings and should be free to elect their boards in a fair and equitable manner. All governmental entities should be responsive and transparent to the people they represent.

10. SB 1405 *Final Passage; April 28, 2009*

Journal Page 1674: 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 1405 would have created an advisory panel to the Texas Water Development Board to advise the board on “climate change.” Man-caused climate change is a myth and is too often used as an excuse to punish individuals and businesses by raising their taxes, and thus legislation aimed at combating climate change should be opposed.

11. SB 1687 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 28, 2009*

Journal Page 1683: 17 Yeas, 14 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 1687 would have authorized certain Texas counties to establish a form of unionization of their employees by regulating wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for the whole rather than dealing individually with each employee. Individuals should be able to work as an individual, free of collective bargaining agreements and other forms of forced unionization.

12. SB 1098 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 30, 2009*

Journal Page 1790: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: YEA. SB 1098 would have created a “Choose Life” license plate, allowing pro-life Texans to purchase this specialty plate to spread the message of life with proceeds going towards charities that help women in crisis pregnancies choose options other than abortion. YCT believes in the value of human life and that Texans should have the option of displaying this message on their license plates.

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13. SB 182 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; April 30, 2009*

Journal Page 1867: 20 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: YEA. SB 182 would have required abortion doctors to make available an ultrasound to all women before receiving an abortion. Abortion is destruction of a human life, and the abortion industry often downplays this fact when manipulating patients toward this terrible choice. To protect unborn human life and the mental health of women who will be confronted with their decision later, women should be fully informed before undergoing an abortion and giving women the opportunity to view an ultrasound would have achieved that end.

14. SB 592 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; May 1, 2009*

Journal Page 1920: 19 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 592 would have allowed teenage mothers age 16 or older access to contraceptives without the consent of their parents. YCT opposes any effort to limit parental consent laws or otherwise undermine parental authority over their children, especially in regards to contraception.

15. SB 1120 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; May 4, 2009*

Journal Page 1956: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 1120 would have required law enforcement officers to compile reports of the race of individuals that they stop for traffic violations. SB 1120 constituted a witch hunt, attempting to find racial discrimination in places it does not exist and burdens already overstretched police officers. The bill was also outside the appropriate scope of government.

16. SB 1570 *Final Passage; May 5, 2009*

Journal Page 2041: 25 Yeas, 4 Nays, 2 PNV

YCT: NAY. SB 1570 would have directed state transportation funds toward the creation of expanded high-speed passenger rail. Mass transit in Texas has largely been a failure, and high-speed rail is not an option that makes

economic sense. Any further increases in transportation spending, if any, should go towards the creation of roads that will either decrease congestion and/or increase safety.

17. SB 2182 *Final Passage; May 6, 2009*

Journal Page 2068: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 2182 will allow Texas universities to impose a \$10 per year environmental services fee on students. With rising tuition and fees at universities across the state, any new fees are inappropriate. Furthermore, this bill will create a fund at each university that will approach upwards of \$500,000 per year that will surely be used by campus organizations for left-wing environmental activism. Activities of this sort are outside the mission scope of universities and only contribute to skyrocketing tuition increases. Students should be able to decide for themselves whether to contribute time or money to *any* cause, and should not be forced to subsidize actions they do not agree with.

18. SB 204 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; May 8, 2009*

Journal Page 2160: 23 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 204 would have prohibited restaurants and other businesses in the state of Texas from using trans-fats in the preparation of their food. The principles of private property rights and personal liberty dictate that businesses and consumers should be free from government intervention to make their own decisions about their consumption and health choices.

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19. SJR 42 Amendment 1 *Motion to Table; May 26, 2009*

Journal Page 3242: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT: YEA. SJR 42 was the resolution that led to Proposition 11 on this November's constitutional amendment ballot. The amendment limits the state from seizing property through eminent domain for the purposes of economic development. Amendment 1 to the resolution would have gutted the proposal, allowing the state to exercise eminent domain over property in order to transfer it to a private entity or to increase tax revenue. Private property rights must be protected. Eminent domain abuse represents legalized plunder in which property is taken unjustly from those who have a right to it and given to those who do not.

20. SB 1028 *Final Passage; May 14, 2009*

Journal Page 2387: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT: NAY. SB 1028 extended mandatory safety belt laws to the backseat. Mandatory safety belt laws infringe on the personal liberties of drivers and passengers and are instituted primarily for the purpose of raising revenue from safety belt violations.

21. SB 1164 *Motion to Suspend Rules; May 20, 2009*

Journal Page 2520: 21 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: YEA. SB 1164 would have eliminated the existing regulations preventing concealed carry permit holders from carrying a concealed handgun on the campuses of public universities. The existing prohibition is a violation of students' 2nd amendment rights and is counterproductive, effectively prohibiting only law abiding citizens from carrying guns for their own protection.

22. HB 300 Amendment 10 *Adoption; May 25, 2009*

Journal Page 2975: 7 Yeas, 24 Nays

YCT: YEA. Amendment 10 to HB 300 would have eliminated a provision in the bill allowing for a version of the local option tax strictly for

the purposes of funding a statewide urban passenger rail program. With rising gas prices and a slowing economy, these tax proposals were ill advised. Additionally, the legislature should end State Highway Fund diversions, spend current transportation revenue more efficiently by only funding projects that reduce congestion and/or increase safety, and increase transparency by placing local government check registers online before a tax increase is considered.

23. HB 300 Amendment 14 *Adoption; May 25, 2009*

Journal Page 2994: 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT: YEA. Amendment 14 to HB 300 would have banned the use of red light cameras statewide. YCT opposes red light cameras because they exist solely for the purpose of raising revenue for cities. Additionally, despite claims that they increase safety, many tests have proven that red light cameras actually cause *more* accidents.

24. SCR 54 *Adoption; May 26, 2009*

Journal Page 3243: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT: YEA. SCR 54 would have requested that Congress cease and desist attempting to enact federal legislation impinging on the individual right of every American to keep and bear arms and urged Congress to oppose passage of the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right that ought to be promoted and protected, not restricted.

25. HB 3646 Amendment 2 *Motion to Table; May 26, 2009*

Journal Page 3421: 12 Yeas, 19 Nays

YCT: YEA. Amendment 2 to HB 3646 would have provided for an \$800 salary increase across the board for teachers. YCT supports merit-based pay for teachers as it increases productivity, results in better teachers and thus a better quality of education for kids. Across the board pay raises reward poor teachers and leave excellent teachers unrewarded.

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26. Confirmation of Don McLeroy *Chair, State Board of Education; May 28, 2009*

Journal Page 4136: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT: YEA. Mr. McLeroy was appointed by Governor Perry during the interim to serve as Chairman of the State Board of Education. He demonstrated sound leadership based on traditional values and conservative principles.

27. HCR 252 *Motion to Suspend the Rules; May 30, 2009*

Journal Page 4737: 25 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT: NAY. Near the conclusion of the 81st Legislative Session, horse and dog racing advocates supported HCR 252, which called on the governor to create a task force on horse and greyhound racing in Texas. Gambling is destructive to the state's moral fiber and is supported by government *solely* for the revenue it generates. Gambling in the State of Texas should not be expanded.

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