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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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# YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS LEGISLATIVE RATINGS ★ 80<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

## Introduction

Since 1975, the Young Conservatives of Texas have provided reviews of the voting records of legislators to the citizens of Texas as a public service. YCT is proud to release the 17<sup>th</sup> installment of our Legislative Ratings—the longest running and most prestigious legislative ratings in Texas. In the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, State Representatives cast more than 2,000 votes and the Senate passed more than 1,100 pieces of legislation. YCT's Legislative Ratings helps citizens truly understand the voting habits of the representatives by accurately portraying the conservativeness of state legislators.

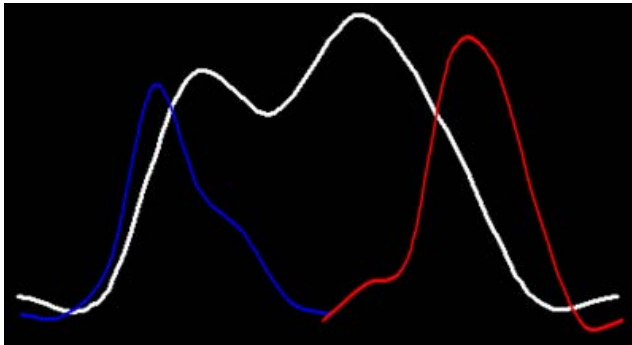
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*Senior Vice Chairman*

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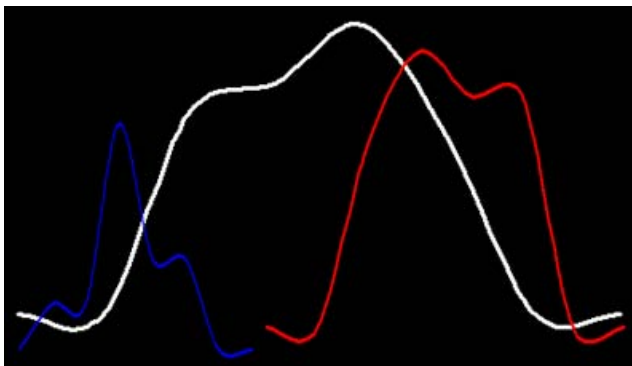
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### House of Representatives Partisan Perspective of Rating Distribution



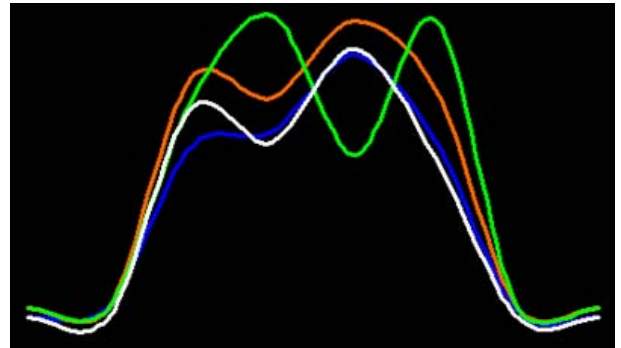
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### Senate Partisan Perspective of Rating Distribution



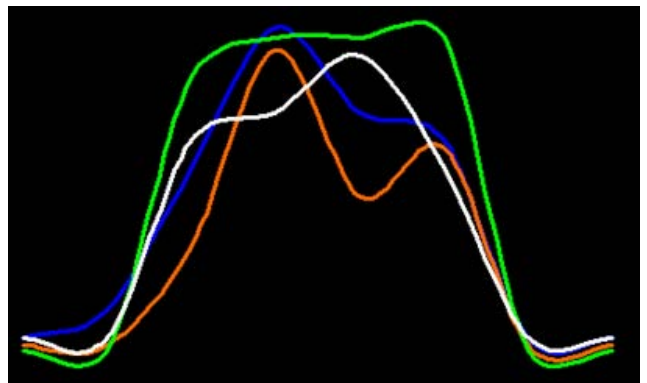
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### House of Representatives Historical Perspective of Rating Distributions



White – 80<sup>th</sup>; Green – 75<sup>th</sup>;  
Orange – 70<sup>th</sup>; Blue – 65<sup>th</sup>

### Senate Historical Perspective of Rating Distributions



White – 80<sup>th</sup>; Green – 75<sup>th</sup>;  
Orange – 70<sup>th</sup>; Blue – 65<sup>th</sup>

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# AWARDS AND CATEGORIES

## Historic Honor Roll

*Career Rating – 90% and above – No Rookies*

Rep Paxton	94.4	Rep Christian	93.9
Rep Talton	92.1	Rep Laubenberg	91.4
Sen Nelson	91.1	Rep Hughes	90.8
Rep C Howard	90.8	Rep Isett	90.6
Rep Crabb	90.3		

## Honor Roll

*80<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 90% and above*

Rep Laubenberg	96.2	Rep Paxton	96.2
Rep Riddle	96.2	Rep Christian	92.3
Rep Crabb	92.3	Rep C Howard	92.3
Rep Hughes	92.3	Rep Isett	92.3
Rep Macias	92.3	Rep Parker	92.3
Rep Phillips	92.0	Rep Kolkhorst	91.3

## Honorable Mention

*80<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 82% - 89.9%*

Rep Gattis	88.9	Sen Patrick	88.9
Rep Berman	88.5	Rep Harper-Brown	88.5
Rep Orr	88.5	Rep W Smith	88.5
Rep Taylor	88.0	Rep Flynn	87.5
Rep B Brown	84.6	Rep Corte	84.6
Rep Creighton	84.6	Rep Eissler	84.6
Rep Zedler	84.6	Rep Aycock	84.0
Rep Callegari	84.0		

## Rookies of the Year

*Highest Scoring Rookies – 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature*

Rep Macias	92.3	Rep Parker	92.3
Sen Patrick	88.9		

## Certified RINOs

*Republicans In Name Only*

*Career Rating – 60% in the House & 50% in the Senate & below*

Rep Geren	54.0	Rep Merritt	57.4
Rep Jones	58.2		

## Highest Scoring Democrats

*80<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 50% in the House & 30% in the Senate & above*

Farabee	53.8	Hopson	53.8
Rep R Cook	50.0	Guillen	50.0
Sen Van de Putte	37.0	Sen Hinojosa	30.0
Sen Lucio	30.0		

## Most Liberal Legislators

*80<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 10% and below*

Rep Farrar	0.0	Rep Hernandez	0.0
Sen Shapleigh	3.7	Rep Coleman	3.8
Rep Y Davis	3.8	Rep Allen	7.7
Rep Burnam	7.7	Rep Thompson	7.7

## Lowest Scoring Republicans

*80<sup>th</sup> Legislature – 60% in the House & 50% in the Senate & below*

Sen Averitt	41.0	Sen Deuell	41.0
Sen Duncan	41.0	Sen Ogden	41.0
Sen Hegar	44.0	Sen Seliger	44.0
Rep Jones	45.8	Sen Carona	46.0
Rep Merritt	46.2	Rep McCall	46.2
Sen Eltife	48.0	Sen Janek	48.0
Rep Mowery	52.2	Rep England	57.7
Rep Goolsby	57.7		

## Good Steps

*Increases of 10% or more from previous rating*

Rep Geren	31	Rep Flores	21
Sen Gallegos	17	Rep McClendon	15
Rep Pena	14	Rep Bailey	14
Rep Chisum	14	Rep Turner	14
Rep Guillen	13	Sen Zaffarini	12
Rep Crabb	12	Rep Kolkhorst	12
Sen Harris	11	Rep Deshotel	11
Sen Whitmire	11	Rep Hardcastle	10
Rep Dukes	10		

## Dangerous Trends

*Decreases of 15% or more from previous rating*

Sen Deuell	34	Rep McCall	31
Sen Janek	27	Sen Shapleigh	26
Rep Mowery	25	Rep Olivo	24
Rep Coleman	23	Rep Solomons	23
Rep Thompson	22	Rep Jackson	22
Rep Escobar	21	Rep Merritt	21
Sen Seliger	21	Rep Burnam	19
Rep Y Davis	19	Sen Duncan	19
Rep Leibowitz	18	Rep Naishtat	18
Rep Menendez	18	Rep Farrar	18
Rep Martinez Fischer	18	Rep Castro	17
Rep Bohac	17	Sen Ogden	17
Rep Herrero	16	Rep Hochberg	15
Rep Rodriguez	15	Rep Goolsby	15
Sen Estes	15		

**YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS  
LEGISLATIVE RATINGS ★ 80<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**QUICK REFERENCE – LISTED BY NAME**

P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C
<b>HOUSE</b>					D	36	Flores	38	14	R	67	Madden	69	85	R	24	Taylor	88	87
D	131	Allen	8	10	R	2	Flynn	88	87	D	110	Mallory Caraway	12	---	D	141	Thompson	8	14
D	104	Alonzo	12	9	D	1	Frost	42	40	D	39	Martinez	28	25	R	98	Truitt	81	79
D	103	Anchia	19	23	D	74	Gallego	25	21	D	116	Martinez Fischer	13	17	D	139	Turner	31	17
R	56	Anderson	81	87	D	32	Garcia	19	---	R	66	McCall	46	68	R	130	Van Arsdale	81	85
R	54	Aycock	84	---	R	20	Gattis	89	85	D	120	McClendon	32	15	D	107	Vaught	21	---
D	140	Bailey	32	16	R	99	Geren	71	54	D	12	McReynolds	35	31	D	95	Veasey	16	22
R	6	Berman	88	89	D	109	Giddings	27	16	D	124	Menendez	24	25	D	123	Villarreal	25	16
R	138	Bohac	73	79	D	41	Gonzales	15	19	R	7	Merritt	46	57	D	149	Vo	27	33
D	47	Bolton	15	---	D	35	Gonzalez Tourelles	23	30	D	146	Miles	15	---	R	81	West	69	77
R	25	Bonnen	76	77	R	102	Goolsby	58	71	R	59	Miller	84	86	R	136	Woolley	77	84
R	108	Branch	78	78	D	31	Guillen	50	36	D	77	Moreno	---	11	R	96	Zedler	85	86
R	4	Brown, B.	85	87	R	78	Haggerty	65	72	R	30	Morrison	72	71	R	28	Zerwas	77	---
R	14	Brown, F.	76	74	R	19	Hamilton	69	64	R	97	Mowery	52	81					
D	90	Burnam	8	11	R	91	Hancock	84	---	R	133	Murphy	81	---	<b>SENATE</b>				
R	132	Callegari	84	81	R	68	Hardcastle	73	62	D	49	Naishtat	12	9	R	22	Averitt	41	53
D	125	Castro	12	17	R	126	Harless	81	---	D	145	Noriega	23	15	R	10	Brimer	56	64
D	76	Chavez	32	14	R	105	Harper-Brown	88	88	R	29	O'Day	84	---	R	16	Carona	46	65
R	88	Chisum	81	75	R	114	Hartnett	77	88	D	37	Oliveira	24	20	R	2	Deuell	41	61
R	9	Christian	92	94	D	85	Heflin	44	---	D	27	Olivo	12	14	R	28	Duncan	41	55
D	134	Cohen	12	---	D	143	Hernandez	0	---	R	58	Orr	88	86	D	13	Ellis	11	15
D	147	Coleman	4	10	D	34	Herrero	12	20	D	33	Ortiz	12	---	R	1	Eltife	48	---
R	8	Cook, B.	77	77	R	53	Hilderbran	77	85	R	18	Otto	81	80	R	30	Estes	59	69
D	17	Cook, R.	50	42	R	112	Hill	77	86	R	63	Parker	92	---	R	24	Fraser	74	81
R	122	Corte	85	88	D	137	Hochberg	12	13	R	94	Patrick	72	---	D	6	Gallegos	27	14
R	127	Crabb	92	90	D	100	Hodge	23	13	R	70	Paxton	96	94	R	9	Harris	74	72
R	82	Craddick	---	90	D	3	Homer	46	35	D	40	Pena	44	30	R	18	Hegar	44	---
R	16	Creighton	85	---	D	11	Hopson	54	39	R	62	Phillips	92	87	D	20	Hinojosa	30	25
R	64	Crownover	80	81	R	26	Howard, C.	92	91	D	79	Pickett	31	25	R	11	Jackson	74	81
R	72	Darby	77	---	D	48	Howard, D.	19	---	D	93	Pierson	17	---	R	17	Janek	48	67
R	129	Davis, J.	73	83	R	5	Hughes	92	91	R	10	Pitts	68	76	D	27	Lucio	30	40
D	111	Davis, Y.	4	9	R	84	Isett	92	91	D	119	Puente	19	14	R	12	Nelson	74	91
R	55	Delisi	77	83	R	115	Jackson	65	76	D	75	Quintanilla	35	33	R	3	Nichols	63	---
D	22	Deshotel	35	19	R	83	Jones	46	58	D	42	Raymond	38	27	R	5	Ogden	41	69
R	113	Driver	73	80	R	60	Keffer	76	78	R	150	Riddle	96	88	R	7	Patrick	89	---
D	46	Dukes	31	10	R	61	King, P.	75	77	D	21	Ritter	46	38	R	31	Seliger	44	55
D	57	Dunnam	19	21	R	71	King, S.	76	---	D	51	Rodriguez	12	16	R	8	Shapiro	59	83
D	142	Dutton	12	13	D	80	King, T.	42	35	D	45	Rose	46	38	D	29	Shapleigh	4	13
D	23	Eiland	21	26	R	13	Kolkhorst	91	74	R	92	Smith, T.	65	72	D	19	Uresti	26	---
R	15	Eissler	85	84	R	52	Krusee	72	86	R	128	Smith, W.	88	82	D	26	Van de Putte	37	30
R	135	Elkins	83	83	R	44	Kuempel	69	80	R	86	Smithee	76	84	D	14	Watson	22	---
R	106	England	58	---	R	101	Latham	65	---	R	65	Solomons	73	83	R	25	Wentworth	52	64
D	43	Escobar	12	21	R	89	Laubenberg	96	91	D	50	Strama	23	30	D	23	West	26	28
D	69	Farabee	54	39	D	117	Leibowitz	12	21	R	121	Straus	62	67	D	15	Whitmire	26	25
D	118	Farias	27	---	D	38	Lucio	16	---	R	87	Swinford	73	80	R	4	Williams	74	75
D	148	Farrar	0	7	R	73	Macias	92	---	R	144	Talton	80	92	D	21	Zaffirini	22	27

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## QUICK REFERENCE – LISTED BY DISTRICT

P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C
<b>HOUSE</b>					D	46	Dukes	31	10	R	92	Smith, T.	65	72	R	138	Bohac	73	79
D	1	Frost	42	40	D	47	Bolton	15	---	D	93	Pierson	17	---	D	139	Turner	31	17
R	2	Flynn	88	87	D	48	Howard, D.	19	---	R	94	Patrick	72	---	D	140	Bailey	32	16
D	3	Homer	46	35	D	49	Naishtat	12	9	D	95	Veasey	16	22	D	141	Thompson	8	14
R	4	Brown, B.	85	87	D	50	Strama	23	30	R	96	Zedler	85	86	D	142	Dutton	12	13
R	5	Hughes	92	91	D	51	Rodriguez	12	16	R	97	Mowery	52	81	D	143	Hernandez	0	---
R	6	Berman	88	89	R	52	Krusee	72	86	R	98	Truitt	81	79	R	144	Talton	80	92
R	7	Merritt	46	57	R	53	Hilderbran	77	85	R	99	Geren	71	54	D	145	Noriega	23	15
R	8	Cook, B.	77	77	R	54	Aycock	84	---	D	100	Hodge	23	13	D	146	Miles	15	---
R	9	Christian	92	94	R	55	Delisi	77	83	R	101	Latham	65	---	D	147	Coleman	4	10
R	10	Pitts	68	76	R	56	Anderson	81	87	R	102	Goolsby	58	71	D	148	Farrar	0	7
D	11	Hopson	54	39	D	57	Dunnam	19	21	D	103	Anchia	19	23	D	149	Vo	27	33
D	12	McReynolds	35	31	R	58	Orr	88	86	D	104	Alonzo	12	9	R	150	Riddle	96	88
R	13	Kolkhorst	91	74	R	59	Miller	84	86	R	105	Harper-Brown	88	88	<b>SENATE</b>				
R	14	Brown, F.	76	74	R	60	Keffer	76	78	R	106	England	58	---	R	1	Eltife	48	---
R	15	Eissler	85	84	R	61	King, P.	75	77	D	107	Vaught	21	---	R	2	Deuell	41	61
R	16	Creighton	85	---	R	62	Phillips	92	87	R	108	Branch	78	78	R	3	Nichols	63	---
D	17	Cook, R.	50	42	R	63	Parker	92	---	D	109	Giddings	27	16	R	4	Williams	74	75
R	18	Otto	81	80	R	64	Crownover	80	81	D	110	Mallory Caraway	12	---	R	5	Ogden	41	69
R	19	Hamilton	69	64	R	65	Solomons	73	83	D	111	Davis, Y.	4	9	R	6	Gallegos	27	14
R	20	Gattis	89	85	R	66	McCall	46	68	R	112	Hill	77	86	R	7	Patrick	89	---
D	21	Ritter	46	38	R	67	Madden	69	85	R	113	Driver	73	80	R	8	Shapiro	59	83
D	22	Deshotel	35	19	R	68	Hardcastle	73	62	R	114	Hartnett	77	88	R	9	Harris	74	72
D	23	Eiland	21	26	D	69	Farabee	54	39	R	115	Jackson	65	76	R	10	Brimer	56	64
R	24	Taylor	88	87	R	70	Paxton	96	94	D	116	Martinez Fischer	13	17	R	11	Jackson	74	81
R	25	Bonnen	76	77	R	71	King, S.	76	---	D	117	Leibowitz	12	21	R	12	Nelson	74	91
R	26	Howard, C.	92	91	R	72	Darby	77	---	D	118	Farias	27	---	R	13	Ellis	11	15
D	27	Olivo	12	14	R	73	Macias	92	---	D	119	Puente	19	14	D	14	Watson	22	---
R	28	Zerwas	77	---	D	74	Gallego	25	21	D	120	McClendon	32	15	D	15	Whitmire	26	25
R	29	O'Day	84	---	D	75	Quintanilla	35	33	R	121	Straus	62	67	R	16	Carona	46	65
R	30	Morrison	72	71	D	76	Chavez	32	14	R	122	Corte	85	88	R	17	Janek	48	67
D	31	Guillen	50	36	D	77	Moreno	---	11	D	123	Villarreal	25	16	R	18	Hegar	44	---
D	32	Garcia	19	---	R	78	Haggerty	65	72	D	124	Menendez	24	25	D	19	Uresti	26	---
D	33	Ortiz	12	---	D	79	Pickett	31	25	D	125	Castro	12	17	D	20	Hinojosa	30	25
D	34	Herrero	12	20	D	80	King, T.	42	35	R	126	Harless	81	---	D	21	Zaffirini	22	27
D	35	Gonzalez Tourelles	23	30	R	81	West	69	77	R	127	Crabb	92	90	R	22	Averitt	41	53
D	36	Flores	38	14	R	82	Craddick	---	90	R	128	Smith, W.	88	82	D	23	West	26	28
D	37	Oliveira	24	20	R	83	Jones	46	58	R	129	Davis, J.	73	83	R	24	Fraser	74	81
D	38	Lucio	16	---	R	84	Isett	92	91	R	130	Van Arsdale	81	85	R	25	Wentworth	52	64
D	39	Martinez	28	25	D	85	Heflin	44	---	D	131	Allen	8	10	D	26	Van de Putte	37	30
D	40	Pena	44	30	R	86	Smithee	76	84	R	132	Callegari	84	81	D	27	Lucio	30	40
D	41	Gonzales	15	19	R	87	Swinford	73	80	R	133	Murphy	81	---	R	28	Duncan	41	55
D	42	Raymond	38	27	R	88	Chisum	81	75	D	134	Cohen	12	---	D	29	Shapleigh	4	13
D	43	Escobar	12	21	R	89	Laubenberg	96	91	R	135	Elkins	83	83	R	30	Estes	59	69
R	44	Kuempel	69	80	D	90	Burnam	8	11	R	136	Woolley	77	84	R	31	Seliger	44	55
D	45	Rose	46	38	R	91	Hancock	84	---	D	137	Hochberg	12	13					

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## QUICK REFERENCE – LISTED BY SCORE

P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C	P	D	Legislator	80th	C
<b>HOUSE</b>					R	112	Hill	77	86	D	36	Flores	38	14	D	49	Naishtat	12	9
R	89	Laubenberg	96	91	R	136	Woolley	77	84	D	42	Raymond	38	27	D	27	Olivo	12	14
R	70	Paxton	96	94	R	28	Zerwas	77	---	D	22	Deshotel	35	19	D	33	Ortiz	12	---
R	150	Riddle	96	88	R	25	Bonnen	76	77	D	12	McReynolds	35	31	D	51	Rodriguez	12	16
R	9	Christian	92	94	R	14	Brown, F.	76	74	D	75	Quintanilla	35	33	D	131	Allen	8	10
R	127	Crabb	92	90	R	60	Keffer	76	78	D	76	Chavez	32	14	D	90	Burnam	8	11
R	26	Howard, C.	92	91	R	71	King, S.	76	---	D	120	McClendon	32	15	D	141	Thompson	8	14
R	5	Hughes	92	91	R	86	Smithee	76	84	D	140	Bailey	32	16	D	147	Coleman	4	10
R	84	Isett	92	91	R	61	King, P.	75	77	D	46	Dukes	31	10	D	111	Davis, Y.	4	9
R	73	Macias	92	---	R	138	Bohac	73	79	D	79	Pickett	31	25	D	148	Farrar	0	7
R	63	Parker	92	---	R	129	Davis, J.	73	83	D	139	Turner	31	17	D	143	Hernandez	0	---
R	62	Phillips	92	87	R	113	Driver	73	80	D	39	Martinez	28	25	R	82	Craddick	---	90
R	13	Kolkhorst	91	74	R	68	Hardcastle	73	62	D	118	Farias	27	---	D	77	Moreno	---	11
R	20	Gattis	89	85	R	65	Solomons	73	83	D	109	Giddings	27	16	<b>SENATE</b>				
R	6	Berman	88	89	R	87	Swinford	73	80	D	149	Vo	27	33	R	7	Patrick	89	---
R	105	Harper-Brown	88	88	R	52	Krusee	72	86	D	74	Gallego	25	21	R	24	Fraser	74	81
R	58	Orr	88	86	R	30	Morrison	72	71	D	123	Villarreal	25	16	R	9	Harris	74	72
R	128	Smith, W.	88	82	R	94	Patrick	72	---	D	124	Menendez	24	25	R	11	Jackson	74	81
R	24	Taylor	88	87	R	99	Geren	71	54	D	37	Oliveira	24	20	R	12	Nelson	74	91
R	2	Flynn	88	87	R	19	Hamilton	69	64	D	35	Gonzalez Tourelles	23	30	R	4	Williams	74	75
R	4	Brown, B.	85	87	R	44	Kuempel	69	80	D	100	Hodge	23	13	R	3	Nichols	63	---
R	122	Corte	85	88	R	67	Madden	69	85	D	145	Noriega	23	15	R	30	Estes	59	69
R	16	Creighton	85	---	R	81	West	69	77	D	50	Strama	23	30	R	8	Shapiro	59	83
R	15	Eissler	85	84	R	10	Pitts	68	76	D	23	Eiland	21	26	R	10	Brimer	56	64
R	96	Zedler	85	86	R	78	Haggerty	65	72	D	107	Vaught	21	---	R	25	Wentworth	52	64
R	54	Aycock	84	---	R	115	Jackson	65	76	D	103	Anchia	19	23	R	1	Eltife	48	---
R	132	Callegari	84	81	R	101	Latham	65	---	D	57	Dunnam	19	21	R	17	Janek	48	67
R	91	Hancock	84	---	R	92	Smith, T.	65	72	D	32	Garcia	19	---	R	16	Carona	46	65
R	59	Miller	84	86	R	121	Straus	62	67	D	48	Howard, D.	19	---	R	18	Hegar	44	---
R	29	O'Day	84	---	R	106	England	58	---	D	119	Puente	19	14	R	31	Seliger	44	55
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R	56	Anderson	81	87	D	69	Farabee	54	39	D	38	Lucio	16	---	R	28	Duncan	41	55
R	88	Chisum	81	75	D	11	Hopson	54	39	D	95	Veasey	16	22	R	5	Ogden	41	69
R	126	Harless	81	---	R	97	Mowery	52	81	D	47	Bolton	15	---	R	22	Averitt	41	53
R	133	Murphy	81	---	D	17	Cook, R.	50	42	D	41	Gonzales	15	19	D	26	Van de Putte	37	30
R	18	Otto	81	80	D	31	Guillen	50	36	D	146	Miles	15	---	D	20	Hinojosa	30	25
R	98	Truitt	81	79	R	66	McCall	46	68	D	116	Martinez Fischer	13	17	D	27	Lucio	30	40
R	130	Van Arsdale	81	85	R	7	Merritt	46	57	D	125	Castro	12	17	D	6	Gallegos	27	14
R	64	Crownover	80	81	D	21	Ritter	46	38	D	104	Alonzo	12	9	D	19	Uresti	26	---
R	144	Talton	80	92	D	45	Rose	46	38	D	134	Cohen	12	---	D	23	West	26	28
R	108	Branch	78	78	D	3	Homer	46	35	D	142	Dutton	12	13	D	15	Whitmire	26	25
R	8	Cook, B.	77	77	R	83	Jones	46	58	D	43	Escobar	12	21	D	14	Watson	22	---
R	72	Darby	77	---	D	85	Heflin	44	---	D	34	Herrero	12	20	D	21	Zaffirini	22	27
R	55	Delisi	77	83	D	40	Pena	44	30	D	137	Hochberg	12	13	D	13	Ellis	11	15
R	114	Hartnett	77	88	D	1	Frost	42	40	D	117	Leibowitz	12	21	D	29	Shapleigh	4	13
R	53	Hilderbran	77	85	D	80	King, T.	42	35	D	110	Mallory Caraway	12	---					



## Scorecard Legend

### Headers

P – Party Affiliation

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C – Career Rating

80th – Rating for the 80th Session

79th – Rating for the 79th Session

+/- – Rating Change from Previous Session

### Scorecard Field

R – Indicates Republican

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J – Indicates Journal Statement

P – Indicates Paired Vote

#### Positive Votes

+ – Voted With YCT

#### Negative Votes

- – Voted Against YCT

#### Held-Harmless Votes

C – Currently Holds the Chair

AU – Absent, Unexcused

AE – Absent Excused

PNV – Present, Not Voting

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**YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS  
LEGISLATIVE RATINGS ★ 80<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**HOUSE ★ VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

**1) Secret Balloting for Election of Speaker**

Motion to Table Amendment 3

House Resolution 35

Record Vote 3, Journal Page 16

91 Yeas, 57 Nays

January 9

Amendment 3 to House Resolution 35 would have required the Election of Speaker of the House be taken by secret ballot and the destruction of those ballots without publication of individual votes. Voters are due to know how their representatives cast votes.

Furthermore, a legislator should always be proud of his vote and never hide from it.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**2) Jessica's Law**

Motion to Table Amendment 16

House Bill 8

Record Vote 87, Journal Page 725

91 Yeas, 51 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

March 5

Amendment 16 to House Bill 8, Jessica's Law, would have removed the death penalty for multiple convictions under the bill. The bill is designed as a deterrent to would-be child molesters and, as such, removing the death penalty provision would have dramatically reduced the effectiveness of this good law and order legislation.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**3) Castle Doctrine**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 378

Record Vote 136, Journal Page 1008

133 Yeas, 13 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

March 20

Senate Bill 378 allows Texans to protect their property, loved ones and their own lives. The legislation is good law and order legislation which protects second amendment rights.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**4) Confederate Statues**

Motion to Table Amendment 4

House Bill 459

Record Vote 155, Journal Page 1069

70 Yeas, 67 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

March 21

House Bill 459 would have continued the honoring of brave men and women who served their state and nation with distinction by stopping the removal of monuments to them because of misplaced politically-correct concerns. However, Amendment 4 sought to inhibit the bill and inject unwarranted racism and race-baiting.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**5) Protecting the Budget**

Adoption of Committee on Calendars Rule

General Appropriations Act

Record Vote 162, Journal Page 1115

100 Yeas, 46 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

March 22

Adoption of the Calendar Rule on House Bill 1 prevented great expansion in the budget when considered on the House floor. This rule encouraged fiscal responsibility.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

**6) Public Education Vouchers**

Adoption of Amendment 74

General Appropriations Act

Record Vote 235, Journal Page 1322

129 Yeas, 8 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

March 29

Amendment 74 of House Bill 1 prohibited the funding of public education vouchers. Public education vouchers are a sound free market approach to education that will benefit both students and taxpayers.

YCT **NAY** on Adoption

**7) Welfare Reform**

Motion to Table Amendment 4

House Bill 109

Record Vote 267, Journal Page 1505

86 Yeas, 55 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

April 3

Amendment 4 to House Bill 109 would have rolled-back most of the reform provisions of the Children's Health Insurance Program passed by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

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**HOUSE ★ VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

**8) Welfare Reform/Illegal Immigration**

Adoption of Amendment 8

House Bill 109

Record Vote 270, Journal Page 1510

109 Yeas, 30 Nays, 3 Present Not Voting

April 3

Amendment 8 to House Bill 109 sought to ensure that illegal immigrants were not afforded the privilege of enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

**9) Welfare Reform**

Final Passage

House Bill 109

Record Vote 299, Journal Page 1569

128 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 4

House Bill 109 dramatically removed the reform provisions in the Children's Health Insurance Program passed by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature. House Bill 109 represents a grossly unneeded growth in government and threatens the financial responsibility of CHIP.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**10) Bathroom Law**

Final Passage

House Bill 416

Record Vote 375, Journal Page 1712

113 Yeas, 32 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 11

House Bill 416 requires business owners to allow certain persons to use their restroom facilities. House Bill 416 is a clear violation of private property rights.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**11) Stronger Marriages**

Final Passage

House Bill 2685

Record Vote 438, Journal Page 1823

93 Yeas, 48 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 12

House Bill 2685 gives an incentive for marrying couples to undergo education and counseling in order to strengthen marriage and lower the divorce rate.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**12) Property Tax Rollback Protections**

Final Passage

House Bill 2087

Record Vote 439, Journal Page 1824

89 Yeas, 54 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 12

House Bill 2087 would have placed undue limitations on citizens seeking to rollback property taxes on homesteaded properties. The right for citizens to petition government and restrain government through elections is vital to freedom.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**13) Property Tax Reform**

Final Passage

House Bill 216

Record Vote 530, Journal Page 2005

103 Yeas, 31 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

April 17

House Bill 216 would have made a technical change to the comptroller's annual property value study which would have reduced artificial upward pressure on property tax appraisals. The measure is a fiscally sound and fair way of protecting taxpayers.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**14) COLA for TRS**

Motion to Table Amendment 6

House Bill 2427

Record Vote 585, Journal Page 2155

81 Yeas, 56 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 19

Amendment 6 of House Bill 2427 sought to set the Cost of Living Adjustments to payouts by the Teacher Retirement System without consideration to the performance of TRS accounts and the overall economy, threatening the longtime solvency of the system.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

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**HOUSE ★ VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

**15) Voter Identification**

Final Passage

House Bill 218

Record Vote 621, Journal Page 2244

76 Yeas, 69 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

April 24

House Bill 218 would have required voters to present one of a number of documents of identification prior to casting a ballot. Secure elections, in which only eligible voters are allowed to vote only once, are vital to the success and integrity of democracy.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**16) Religious Expression in Schools**

Passage to Engrossment

House Bill 3678

Record Vote 788, Journal Page 2655

110 Yeas, 33 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

April 30

House Bill 3678 codifies public students' ability to express religion in such a way that it does not interfere with any student's free expression through forced abstinence of speech or through forced acceptance.

YCT **YEA** on Passage to Engrossment

**17) Same Day Voter Registration**

Motion to Table Amendment 5

House Bill 626

Record Vote 857, Journal Page 2799

77 Yeas, 64 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

May 1

Amendment 5 to House Bill 626 would have allowed for same day voter registration at polling places. Secure elections are vital to democracy, and same day voter registration opens elections up to massive fraud.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**18) Inmate Labor on State Parks**

Motion to Table Amendment 3

House Bill 12

Record Vote 875, Journal Page 2891

77 Yeas, 65 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

May 2

Amendment 3 to House Bill 12 would have struck a provision which expanded types of inmates used for

labor in State Parks and allows for expenditures for materials, tools and meals for the inmates.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**19) Dynamic Fiscal Notes**

Motion to Table Amendment 1

House Bill 2786

Record Vote 926, Journal Page 3025

73 Yeas, 63 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

May 3

House Bill 2786 sought to allow for the consideration of Dynamic Fiscal Notes by legislators when considering major tax and expenditure bills. However, Amendment 1 would require the comptroller's office to provide legislators with confusing, extremely subjective information regarding the implications of tax and expenditure changes for social welfare programs.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**20) Tribal Gaming**

Verification of Passage to Engrossment

House Bill 10

Record Vote 939, Journal Page 3050

66 Yeas, 66 Nays, 4 Present Not Voting

May 3

House Bill 10 would have allowed gaming and gambling enterprises on the premises of Indian tribes in Texas. The state should not encourage gambling; furthermore, it is fiscally unsound for the state to rely on gambling revenues.

YCT **NAY** on Passage to Engrossment

**21) Franchise Tax Protection**

Adoption

House Joint Resolution 44

Record Vote 1006, Journal Page 3213

93 Yeas, 49 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

May 7

House Joint Resolution 44 would have protected taxpayers by proposing a constitutional amendment that would have required increases to the franchise tax to receive a three-fourths approval of both legislative chambers.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

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**HOUSE ★ VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

**22) Smoking Ban**

Final Passage

House Bill 9

Record Vote 1056, Journal Page 3402

92 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

May 8

House Bill 9 would have stripped private property owners and business owners of their right to decide if smoking, a lawful activity, is allowed in their establishments. House Bill 9 is an outrageous assault on private property rights.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**23) Cancer Research**

Adoption

House Joint Resolution 90

Record Vote 1093, Journal Page 3541

109 Yeas, 26 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

May 9

House Joint Resolution 90 expands government well outside of its right and regular limits. Furthermore, the obligation to issue \$3 billion in debt in a short amount of time threatens financial stability and is an assault on taxpayers.

YCT **NAY** on Adoption

**24) Property Tax Relief**

Motion to Table Amendment 3

House Bill 2785

Record Vote 1157, Journal Page 3699

62 Yeas, 81 Nays, 1 Present Not Voting

May 10

House Bill 2785 would have changed the property tax compression rate allowing for greater property tax relief for all Texans after the school finance reform passed by the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature; however, Amendment 3 effectively killed the bill by requiring unobtainable, greater school spending prior to allowing for much needed property tax relief.

YCT **YEA** on Motion to Table

**25) School District Financial Transparency**

Final Passage

House Bill 2560

Record Vote 1378, Journal Page 4047

120 Yeas, 13 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

May 11

House Bill 2560 requires school districts to post their check registries online, available to the public, which encourages financial transparency and responsibility by school districts.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**26) Red Light Cameras**

Adoption of Amendment 7

Senate Bill 1119

Record Vote 1439, Journal Page 4207

81 Yeas, 55 Nays, 2 Present Not Voting

May 15

Amendment 7 of Senate Bill 1119 would have sunset the provision which allows municipalities to assess civil penalties through the use of red light cameras. The original provision represented a broad and unjust expansion of government which threatens due process.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

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D	131	Allen	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.7	13	5	10.4			
D	104	Alonzo	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	11.5	17	5	9.3			
D	103	Anchia	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	PNV	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	J+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.2	27	8	23.1			
R	56	Anderson	+	+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80.8	93	12	86.9
R	54	Aycock	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	C	+	84.0	---	---	---			
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R	138	Bohac	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	73.1	90	17	79.4
D	47	Bolton	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	J-	+	-	15.4	---	---	---		
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R	132	Callegari	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	J+	+	+	+	84.0	87	3	81.0	
D	125	Castro	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	J+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	AE	-	12.0	29	17	17.0		
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D	147	Coleman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	+	3.8	27	23	10.5		
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R	127	Crabb	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.3	80	12	90.3		
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R	55	Delisi	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	76.9	83	6	83.3	
D	22	Deshotel	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	34.6	24	11	19.3	
R	113	Driver	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	73.1	71	2	80.1	
D	46	Dukes	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	30.8	21	10	9.7	
D	57	Dunnam	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	19.2	31	12	21.4	
D	142	Dutton	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	AU	-	AU	11.5	21	9	13.2	
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R	15	Eissler	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	J-	+	+	+	84.6	83	2	84.2
R	135	Elkins	-	+	+	+	+	-	AE	AE	AE	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82.6	79	4	82.8	
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D	69	Farabee	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	53.8	50	4	38.8	
D	118	Farias	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	+	26.9	---	---	---	
D	148	Farrar	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	18	18	6.6	
D	36	Flores	+	AU	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	P-	AU	-	-	-	AU	+	+	-	-	+	+	38.5	17	21	14.1	
R	2	Flynn	+	+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	+	AU	87.5	87	1	86.5	
D	1	Frost	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	J+	+	-	-	-	+	42.3	37	5	39.7	
D	74	Gallego	-	AE	+	-	-	-	-	J+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	+	25.0	37	12	20.8	
D	32	Garcia	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.2	---	---	---	
R	20	Gattis	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	AE	AE	+	+	+	+	AE	+	AE	AE	+	+	AE	+	AE	AE	88.9	86	3	84.6	
R	99	Geran	+	+	AU	AE	AE	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	70.8	40	31	54.0	
D	109	Giddings	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	26.9	25	2	16.5	
D	41	Gonzales	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	15.4	23	8	19.2	
D	35	Gonzalez Toureilles	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	23.1	37	14	30.1	
R	102	Goolsby	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	57.7	73	15	71.4	
D	31	Guillen	+	+	+	-	+	-	J-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	50.0	37	13	35.7	
R	78	Haggerty	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	J+	-	+	+	+	65.4	60	5	71.8	
R	19	Hamilton	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	69.2	63	6	64.1	
R	91	Hancock	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	-	84.0	---	---	---	

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R	68	Hardcastle	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	73.1	63	10	62.4	
R	126	Harless	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	J+	+	+	80.8	---	---	---	
R	105	Harper-Brown	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	88.5	90	2	87.8	
R	114	Hartnett	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	J+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	76.9	90	13	88.4		
D	85	Heflin	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	AE	-	+	J+	+	-	PNV	+	-	-	-	+	+	44.0	---	---	---	
D	143	Hernandez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	---	---	---		
D	34	Herrero	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	28	16	19.8		
R	53	Hilderbran	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	J-	+	J+	76.9	79	2	84.9	
R	112	Hill	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	76.9	73	4	85.8	
D	137	Hochberg	-	AU	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11.5	27	15	13.4	
D	100	Hodge	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	23.1	14	9	13.0	
D	3	Homer	-	+	+	AE	AE	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	45.8	47	1	34.6	
D	11	Hopson	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	53.8	57	3	39.5	
R	26	Howard, C.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.3	90	2	90.8	
D	48	Howard, D.	+	-	-	-	-	-	J-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	19.2	---	---	---	
R	5	Hughes	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92.3	90	2	90.8	
R	84	Isett	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	92.3	83	9	90.6	
R	115	Jackson	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	65.4	87	22	76.2	
R	83	Jones	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	AE	AE	AU	J-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	45.8	59	13	58.2	
R	60	Keffer	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	AU	76.0	76	0	77.5	
R	61	King, P.	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	+	-	-	+	+	-	75.0	83	8	76.8
R	71	King, S.	+	+	+	AE	+	-	+	+	-	-	J+	-	+	J+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	76.0	---	---	---	
D	80	King, T.	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	J+	+	J-	-	+	+	42.3	43	1	35.4
R	13	Kolkhorst	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AE	AE	+	AE	+	91.3	79	12	73.8
R	52	Krusee	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	C	-	+	-	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	72.0	83	11	85.9	
R	44	Kuempel	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	69.2	70	1	79.6
R	101	Latham	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	65.4	---	---	---
R	89	Laubenberg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	96.2	93	3	91.4	
D	117	Leibowitz	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11.5	30	18	20.8	
D	38	Lucio	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	-	16.0	---	---	---



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R	73	Macias	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	92.3	---	---	---
R	67	Madden	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	AU	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	-	J-	+	-	69.2	73	4	84.8
D	110	Mallory Caraway	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	11.5	---	---	---
D	39	Martinez	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AE	-	-	-	J+	-	-	-	+	+	28.0	21	7	24.5
D	116	Martinez Fischer	-	-	+	-	-	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	J+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	12.5	30	18	16.9
R	66	McCall	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	AU	-	-	+	-	AU	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	J-	+	-	46.2	77	31	67.7
D	120	McClendon	+	J-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	+	+	32.0	17	15	14.5
D	12	McReynolds	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	PNV	+	+	-	-	-	+	34.6	47	12	31.3
D	124	Menendez	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	C	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	24.0	42	18	25.3
R	7	Merritt	-	+	+	AU	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	46.2	67	21	57.4
D	146	Miles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	-	+	+	15.4	---	---	---
R	59	Miller	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	AU	C	84.0	93	9	85.8
D	77	Moreno	-	-	-	AE	AU	-	AU	-	AE	AE	AE	AE	AU	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	AE	---	25	---	11.1
R	30	Morrison	+	+	+	AE	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	72.0	73	1	71.0
R	97	Mowery	+	+	+	AU	+	-	+	AU	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	AE	+	+	+	AU	AE	AU	AE	AU	AU	-	52.2	77	25	81.4
R	133	Murphy	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	80.8	---	---	---
D	49	Naishtat	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	11.5	30	18	9.2
D	145	Noriega	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	AU	-	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	+	23.1	28	5	15.2
R	29	O'Day	#	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	84.0	---	---	---
D	37	Oliveira	-	-	+	AE	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	AU	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	+	-	+	-	24.0	28	4	19.8
D	27	Olivo	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J-	-	-	+	+	11.5	36	24	14.3
R	58	Orr	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88.5	83	5	85.8
D	33	Ortiz	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	J-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11.5	---	---	---
R	18	Otto	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	80.8	80	1	80.4
R	63	Parker	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	92.3	---	---	---
R	94	Patrick	+	+	+	AE	+	-	+	+	-	J+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	72.0	---	---	---
R	70	Paxton	+	+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	96.2	97	1	94.4
D	40	Pena	+	+	+	-	+	-	J-	-	-	-	+	+	AE	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	AU	44.0	30	14	30.0
R	62	Phillips	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	92.0	90	2	87.3
D	79	Pickett	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	AU	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	30.8	43	12	24.8

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D	93	Pierson	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	AU	AU	J+	-	-	-	AE	J-	17.4	---	---	---
R	10	Pitts	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	AE	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	J-	+	-	68.0	67	1	76.0
D	119	Puente	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	19.2	17	2	14.0
D	75	Quintanilla	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	34.6	40	5	33.2
D	42	Raymond	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	38.5	47	9	26.9
R	150	Riddle	+	+	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	96.2	90	6	88.1	
D	21	Ritter	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AU	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	46.2	37	9	38.4
D	51	Rodriguez	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	11.5	27	15	16.2	
D	45	Rose	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	46.2	48	2	38.4
R	92	Smith, T.	+	+	+	-	+	-	J+	+	-	-	+	-	+	J-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	65.4	77	12	72.4
R	128	Smith, W.	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88.5	83	5	82.2
R	86	Smithee	+	+	+	+	+	J-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	AE	+	76.0	79	3	84.2
R	65	Solomons	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	73.1	96	23	82.7
D	50	Strama	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	23.1	37	14	30.1
R	121	Straus	+	J+	+	AU	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	AU	AU	-	+	+	-	+	+	AU	61.5	73	11	67.3
R	87	Swinford	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	73.1	77	4	80.5
R	144	Talton	-	+	+	AE	-	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	J+	+	+	+	+	80.0	90	10	92.1
R	24	Taylor	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	J-	+	+	+	88.0	93	5	87.0
D	141	Thompson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	7.7	30	22	13.5
R	98	Truitt	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	80.8	80	1	79.2
D	139	Turner	+	-	+	AU	+	-	+	+	-	-	AU	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	30.8	17	14	16.6
R	130	Van Arsdale	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	80.8	93	12	84.6
D	107	Vaught	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	AE	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	AE	20.8	---	---	---
D	95	Veasey	-	J+	+	-	-	-	-	PNV	-	-	-	-	AU	-	-	J+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AE	+	16.0	27	11	21.5
D	123	Villarreal	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	AE	AE	-	-	-	-	+	-	25.0	30	5	16.3
D	149	Vo	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	26.9	40	13	33.5
R	81	West	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	69.2	80	11	76.5
R	136	Woolley	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	J+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	76.9	73	4	84.1
R	96	Zedler	+	+	+	+	+	AU	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	84.6	93	8	85.9
R	28	Zerwas	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	76.9	---	---	---

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# SENATE ★ VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

## 1) Red Light Cameras

Motion to Table Amendment 4

Senate Bill 125

Journal Page 848

22 Yeas, 7 Nays

April 3

Amendment 4 of Senate Bill 125 would have struck down the provision which allows municipalities to assess civil penalties through the use of red light cameras. The original provision represented a broad and unjust expansion of government which threatens due process.

YCT **NAY** on Motion to Table

## 2) Steroid Testing of High School Athletes

Final Passage

Senate Bill 8

Journal Page 894

27 Yeas, 3 Nays

April 10

Senate Bill 8 requires the random testing of high school student athletes for the use of steroids. The bill expands government outside of its right and regular limits and represents an unnecessary invasion into the privacy of high school students.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

## 3) Rights to Arms

Final Passage

Senate Bill 322

Journal Page 985

28 Yeas, 2 Nays

April 16

Senate Bill 322 protects the sovereign right of citizens, who open their homes to foster children, to bear arms.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

## 4) Redistricting

Final Passage

Senate Bill 1068

Journal Page 1011

20 Yeas, 10 Nays

April 17

Senate Bill 1068 sought to take the power of redistricting out of the hands of the most representative

branch of government.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

## 5) Burglary of a Vehicle

Adoption of Amendment 1

Senate Bill 11

Journal Page 1068

18 Yeas, 13 Nays

April 18

Senate Bill 11 would have made the burglary of a vehicle a State Jail Felony; however, Amendment 1 struck the provision from the bill.

YCT **NAY** on Adoption

## 6) Legal Age for Cigarettes

Final Passage

Senate Bill 448

Journal Page 1133

26 Yeas, 4 Nays

April 19

Senate Bill 448 would raise the age at which purchasing and possession of cigarettes is legal; Senate Bill 448 is an unnecessary expansion of government.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

## 7) Early Childhood Education

Final Passage

Senate Bill 50

Journal Page 1180

28 Yeas, 3 Nays

April 23

Senate Bill 50 expands government outside of its right and regular limits. Senate Bill 50 is an attempt to institute cradle-to-grave social programs.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

## 8) Voter Integrity

Final Passage

Senate Bill 1464

Journal Page 1252

23 Yeas, 8 Nays

April 24

Senate Bill 1464 protects the integrity of democracy by requiring the removal of non-citizens from voter rolls.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

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**9) Disease Control Programs**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 308

Journal Page 1386

23 Yeas, 8 Nays

April 27

Senate Bill 308 expanded government past its right and regular limits by instituting wasteful bureaucracies and encouraging harmful activities through needle-exchange programs.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**10) Informed Consent to an Abortion**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 920

Journal Page 1644

22 Yeas, 8 Nays

May 3

Senate Bill 920 requires that abortion physicians must allow mothers to view an ultrasound image of their child before consenting to an abortion.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**11) Property Tax Protections**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 407

Journal Page 1704

24 Yeas, 7 Nays

May 4

Senate Bill 407 furthered property tax relief passed by the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature by allowing for local option elections of a property tax-sales tax swap with the added benefit of lowered appraisal caps with homesteaded properties.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**12) Top Ten Percent Rule**

Adoption of Amendment 7

Senate Bill 101

Journal Page 1734

10 Yeas, 20 Nays

May 4

Amendment 7 to Senate Bill 101 would have sunsetted the top ten percent rule, a form of affirmative action.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

**13) Tuition Deregulation**

Motion to Table Amendment 8

Senate Bill 101

Journal Page 1735

8 Yeas, 20 Nays

May 4

Amendment 8 to Senate Bill 101 would have barred certain universities from collecting tuition under tuition deregulation.

YCT **NAY** on Motion to Table

**14) Swimming Pool Regulation**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 971

Journal Page 1751

27 Yeas, 4 Nays

May 7

Senate Bill 971 creates government regulation past its right and regular limits and infringes on private property rights.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**15) AG Settlements**

Final Passage

Senate Bill 2031

Journal Page 1760

28 Yeas, 3 Nays

May 7

Senate Bill 2031 requires that all settlements made by the Attorney General on behalf of the state to be contingent on the approval of the Legislature. The legislation appropriately defines the separation of powers as expressed in the Texas Constitution.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**16) Federal Regulation of Insurance**

Adoption

Senate Concurrent Resolution 60

Journal Page 1800

28 Yeas, 3 Nays

May 8

Senate Concurrent Resolution 60 encouraged Congress to stay within federal constitutional bounds by not further regulating the insurance industry.

YCT **YEA** on Adoption

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**17) Inmate Voting Rights Notification**

Final Passage

House Bill 770

Journal Page 1834

26 Yeas, 5 Nays

May 9

House Bill 770 would have required the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to notify prisoners who are eligible to vote that they are eligible to vote. The TDCJ should spend all of its resources on securing and rehabilitating prisoners; notifying prisoners of voting eligibility is grossly outside of the realm of appropriateness for this agency. Furthermore, the government is not required in any other circumstance to notify citizens of their eligibility to vote, and to notify only a certain population skews democracy.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**18) Concealed Handgun Licensee Privacy**

Final Passage

House Bill 991

Journal Page 1843

27 Yeas, 4 Nays

May 9

House Bill 991 protected the privacy of private citizens who have obtained a license for the concealed carrying of handguns. The right for citizens to bear arms and protect their lives, family and property is a sovereign one. Those citizens which follow the prescribed measures to carry concealed handguns and obtain a license should have their privacy protected.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**19) Voter Identification**

Verification of Suspension of Regular Order of Business

House Bill 218

Journal Page 2067

20 Yeas, 11 Nays

May 15

House Bill 218 would have required voters to present one of a number of documents of identification prior to casting a ballot. Secure elections, in which only eligible voters are allowed to vote only once, are vital to the success and integrity of democracy.

YCT **YEA** on Suspension of Regular Order of Business

**20) Franchise Tax Reform**

Motion to Table Amendment 3

House Bill 3928

Journal Page 2333

23 Yeas, 6 Nays

May 18

Amendment 3 of House Bill 3928 would have exempted businesses from paying the franchise tax if they do not report net income for the taxable period. Economic activity in Texas should be encouraged.

YCT **NAY** on Motion to Table

**21) Property Tax Reform**

Reconsideration Adoption of Amendment 1

House Bill 3492

Journal Page 2426

25 Yeas, 5 Nays

May 21

Amendment 1 to House Bill 3492 would have made a technical change to the comptroller's annual property value study which would have reduced artificial upward pressure on property tax appraisals. The measure is a fiscally sound and fair way of protecting taxpayers.

YCT **NAY** on Reconsideration

**22) Cancer Research**

Adoption

House Joint Resolution 90

Journal Page 2698

24 Yeas, 7 Nays

May 22

House Bill 14 expands government well outside of its right and regular limits. Furthermore, the obligation to issue \$3 billion in debt in a short amount of time threatens financial stability and is an assault on taxpayers.

YCT **NAY** on Adoption

*Votes are listed in chronological order.  
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**23) Property Tax Reduction**

Final Passage

House Bill 2

Journal Page 2758

26 Yeas, 5 Nays

May 22

House Bill 2 makes appropriations to reduce property tax across that state, pursuant to the school finance reform passed by the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

**24) Welfare Reform**

Final Passage

House Bill 109

Journal Page 2760

30 Yeas, 1 Nay

May 22

House Bill 109 dramatically removed the reform provisions in the Children's Health Insurance Program passed by the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislature. House Bill 109 represents a grossly unneeded growth in government and threatens the financial responsibility of CHIP.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**25) Homestead Appraisal Cap Reduction**

Motion to Table Amendment 1

House Bill 438

Journal Page 2970

20 Yeas, 8 Nays

May 22

Amendment 1 to House Bill 438 would have decreased the cap on appraisals of homestead properties from 10% per year to 5% per year. Property taxes in Texas have spiraled out of control, especially through the use of exuberant appraisals which allow local governments to receive more money without voting to raise taxes.

YCT **NAY** on Motion to Table

**26) Unionization of Emergency Personnel**

Final Passage

House Bill 866

Journal Page 3138

21 Yeas, 9 Nays

May 23

House Bill 866 would have codified means of collective

bargaining of police and firefighters in large cities in Texas, and would have subjected all personnel to the will of a majority of the personnel. House Bill 866 is a direct assault on the free market; furthermore, it jeopardizes the fiscal responsibility and overall dependability of emergency personnel.

YCT **NAY** on Final Passage

**27) Religious Expression in Schools**

Final Passage

House Bill 3678

Journal Page 3347

27 Yeas, 3 Nays

May 23

House Bill 3678 codifies public students' ability to express religion in such a way that it does not interfere with any student's free expression through forced abstinence of speech or through forced acceptance.

YCT **YEA** on Final Passage

# Senate ★ Scorecard

P	D	Legislator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	80th	79th	+/-	C
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R	10	Brimer	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	56	65	9.4	63.5
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