



83RD SESSION HOUSE BUDGET SCORECARD

The most important bill passed each session is the appropriations budget. This bill determines how much money the state will spend the following biennium and where the money will be spent. Each session legislators dedicate at least one day to determine the budget and there are almost always hundreds of amendments offered to move money around.

This Session the House budget process was a complete and total failure for conservatives. There were few victories on good amendments and numerous failures on bad amendments. Below we have chosen 5 important votes to show you how your legislator performed on budget day.

YCT will use at least one of these votes in our end of session legislative ratings.

THE VOTES

Amendment 2 (Record Vote #145)

Limits transparency in higher education through preventing the University of Texas Board of Regents from spending appropriated funds to conduct any investigations into executive management in any of the system's institutions.

Amendment 12 (Record Vote #150)

This amendment requires the comptroller to "include in the tax policy e-newsletter notification of the right of a mother to breastfeed her baby in any location in which she and the baby are authorized to be."

Amendment 51 (Record Vote #161)

After the Republican House Caucus voted to hold the line against medicaid expansion, an amendment on the budget to do just that easily passed with 86 votes.

Amendment 95 (Record Vote #169)

This amendment prohibits the use of appropriated dollars to go towards school choice, potentially ending the topic's discussion this Session.

Amendment 118 (Record Vote #174)

This amendment would have restored some of the funding to volunteer fire departments by reducing the appropriations that go towards bingo compliance watchers. This vote was just one of several that demonstrated a lack of knowledge and ability to both prioritize and determine the proper role of government.

Amendments

Last	2	12	51	95	118	Score
Capriglione	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Elkins	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Fallon	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Fletcher	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Flynn	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Hughes	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Krause	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Laubenberg	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Lavender	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Leach	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Sanford	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Schaefer	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Stickland	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Scott Turner	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Zedler	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	100
Phil King	YES	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	YES	90
Branch	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	80
Burkett	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Creighton	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	80
Dale	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	80
Goldman	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	80
Harper-Brown	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Isaac	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	80
Kolkhorst	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Phillips	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Springer	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Taylor	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	80
Toth	YES	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	80
White	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	80
Anderson	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	YES	YES	NO	70
Bohac	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	YES	YES	YES	70
Button	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	YES	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	70
Frank	YES	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	NO	70
Bonnen	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	60

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Larry Gonzales	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	60
Hilderbran	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	60
Kleinschmidt	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	60
Klick	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	60
Rick Miller	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	60
Parker	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	60
Perry	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	60
Riddle	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	60
Sheets	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	60
Simpson	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	60
Carter	NO	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	50
Simmons	NO	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	NO	50
Ed Thompson	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	YES	NO	YES	50
Ashby	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	40
Bell	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	40
Clardy	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	40
Fruzzo	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	40
Herrero	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	40
Huberty	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	40
Kuempel	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	40
Doug Miller	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	40
Morrison	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	40
Murphy	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	40
Paddie	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	40
Ralph Sheffield	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	40
Bonnen	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	YES	30
Craddick	NO	NO	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	30
Smithee	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	YES	30
Allen	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	20
Cook	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	20
John Davis	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	20
Sarah Davis	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	20
Deshotel	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	20
Guillen	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	20

Key: YES NO 1/2 Credit for Journal Stand Absent Absent Excused Present Not Voting Chair

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Kacal	NO	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	20
Keffer	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	20
Tracy King	NO	YES	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Ken King	NO	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Larson	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	20
Lewis	NO	YES	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	20
Munoz	NO	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Raymond	NO	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Ritter	Chair	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	Chair	20
Stephenson	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	20
Villalba	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	NO	NO	20
Vo	NO	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Workman	NO	NO	NO	NO	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	20
Crownover	NO	Absent	NO	NO	NO	10
Farney	NO	NO	Absent	NO	NO	10
Hunter	NO	YES	Absent	NO	NO	10
Orr	NO	NO	Absent	NO	NO	10
Price	NO	NO	Absent	NO	NO	10
Alonzo	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Alvarado	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Anchia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Aycock	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Burnam	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Callegari	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Canales	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Coleman	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Collier	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Cortez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Darby	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Yvonne Davis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Dukes	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Dutton	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	0
Eiland	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	0
Farias	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0

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Farrar	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Geren	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Giddings	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Naomi Gonzalez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Mary Gonzalez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Guerra	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Gutierrez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Harless	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Hernandez Luna	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Howard	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Johnson	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Susan King	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Longoria	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Lozano	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Lucio	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Marquez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Martinez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Martinez Fischer	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
McClendon	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Menendez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Miles	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	0
Moody	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Naishtat	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Nevarez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Oliveira	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Otto	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Patrick	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Perez	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	0
Pickett	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Pitts	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Raney	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Ratliff	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Reynolds	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Eddie Rodriguez	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	0

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Justin Rodriguez	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Rose	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
J.D. Sheffield	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Smith	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Strama	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Senfronia Thompson	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Chris Turner	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Sylvester Turner	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Villarreal	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Walle	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Wu	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Zerwas	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	0
Gooden	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	1/2 Credit for Journal Stand	AE

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