



**LEGISLATIVE RATINGS
FOR THE
82nd LEGISLATURE**

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Young Conservatives of Texas Rates the 82nd Texas Legislature

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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

Senior Vice Chairman

Thank you for viewing YCT's 19th installment of our Ratings of the Texas Legislature. Young Conservatives of Texas have produced these ratings since 1975 as a public service to Texas voters, and those past installments, along with a chart showing each legislator's score since 1975, are available on our website. We hope that this installment will continue the tradition that has made our legislative ratings the most respected, thorough, and trusted in the State of Texas.

In producing our legislative ratings, YCT works to paint an accurate picture of each legislator's adherence to conservative principles. We do this by selecting votes which we believe offered a clear left/right public policy choice. Unlike some organizations, we don't limit ourselves to the highest profile bills, but rather we look for both large and small bills which implicate conservative principles. Indeed, this session's 56 votes scored in the House and 38 votes scored in the Senate is the largest cross section of votes ever used by YCT.

The evaluation of each member is not limited to just this session's votes, however. We also provide a career score based on each member's average rating over their entire career, since 1975. For example, Rep. Senfronia Thompson's career rating of 13 is based off of a total of 469 votes.

We urge you to read the descriptions of the bills selected to better understand not just how YCT would have voted on each measure but why YCT feels so strongly about them.

A couple of notes about this session's installment: Again this session, despite overwhelming support, Concealed Carry on Campus, YCT's number one legislative priority, was killed in the House through backroom chicanery. Because it did not receive a floor vote, YCT has elected to score the list of authors and coauthors in the House, which provides a relatively accurate picture of which members supported the bill. Also, by popular demand, we are again providing a comparison of the scores of committee chairman from the 81st and 82nd legislatures. Committee chairmen truly dominate the legislative process and control what pieces of legislation go forward. We hope the comparison will help illuminate whether this session's larger Republican and conservative majorities had a significant impact on whether conservative legislation had a chance to move through the legislative process without interruption, and if not, why.

We hope that these ratings will be a useful guide in evaluating candidates. However, these ratings should not be construed as an endorsement for or against any candidate.

These ratings are entirely a product of the volunteer efforts of students and young professionals busy with work and school. I would like to thank the many members of Young Conservatives of Texas who helped bring this document together. Special thanks to Michael Janusa, Jeff Morris, and Jenna White amongst other members for their extensive contributions.

Regards,



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Senior Vice Chairman

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Scorecard Legend

P	Party Affiliation	81st	Rating for 81st Session
D	District Number	+/-	Change
82nd	Rating for 82nd Session	C	Career Rating

- A vote with YCT is designated by a “+” and scored positively.
 - A vote against YCT is designated by a “-” and scored negatively.
 - A vote of Present-not-voting, unless the member is in the chair, is designated by a “-” and scored negatively.
 - A vote of Present-not-voting while serving in the chair is designated by a “CH” and scored neutrally.
 - An unexcused absence is designated by a “-” and scored negatively.
 - An excused absence is designated by an “EX” and scored neutrally.
 - *The Speaker's votes and scores are designated "SP" because the Speaker does not traditionally vote. Speaker Straus is listed in the Quick Reference by Score on page 8 according to his career score.*
 - *All Journal Statements are given full-faith and scored accordingly. However, vote totals as listed in the vote descriptions reflect the vote totals at the time the record vote was taken.*
 - *Official Legislative Journals were used, accessed at www.legis.state.tx.us.*
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Awards and Categories

Honor Roll

82nd Legislature 85% & Above

Sen. Birdwell	95%
Rep. Paxton	95%
Rep. Christian	93%
Rep. Flynn	92%
Rep. Simpson	91%
Rep. Cain	89%
Rep. Hughes	89%
Rep. Weber	88%
Sen. Patrick	87%

Honorable Mention

82nd Legislature 80% - 85%

Rep. Landtroop	84%	Rep. Bonnen	81%
Rep. Laubenberg	84%	Rep. Fletcher	80%
Rep. Zedler	84%	Rep. Parker	80%
Rep. Creighton	83%	Rep. Hancock	80%
Rep. Berman	82%	Rep. Orr	80%
Rep. P. King	82%	Rep. V. Taylor	80%
Rep. White	82%	Rep. Legler	80%
Rep. Phillips	82%	Rep. Perry	80%

Rookies of the Year

Highest Scoring Rookie in Each Chamber

Sen. Birdwell	95%
Rep. Simpson	91%

Historic Honor Roll

Career Rating 85% & Above (No Rookies)

Rep. Paxton	95%	Rep. Berman	87%
Rep. Christian	94%	Rep. Legler	86%
Rep. Weber	92%	Rep. Phillips	86%
Rep. Laubenberg	91%	Rep. Riddle	86%
Sen. Nelson	89%	Sen. Patrick	86%
Rep. Parker	89%	Rep. Hughes	86%
Rep. Flynn	88%	Rep. Zedler	85%
Rep. C. Howard	88%	Rep. Fletcher	85%
Rep. Craddick	88%		

Highest Scoring Democrats

82nd Legislature 30% & Above

Rep. T. King	46%
Rep. Pickett	46%
Rep. Guillen	45%
Rep. Lozano	39%
Sen. Whitmire	37%
Rep. Martinez	36%
Rep. Quintanilla	35%
Rep. Eiland	34%
Rep. Gallego	33%
Rep. Deshotel	32%
Rep. Menendez	32%
Rep. Raymond	32%
Sen. Uresti	30%
Rep. Vo	30%

Certified RINOs

Republicans In Name Only

Republicans with Career Rating of 55% & Below

Rep. Peña	35%
Rep. Ritter	40%
Rep. Hopson	43%
Sen. Duncan	54%
Rep. Hunter	54%
Sen. Seliger	55%

Good Steps

A Positive Change of 20% or more from Previous Rating

Rep. Pickett	29%
Rep. Peña	28%
Rep. Hopson	27%
Rep. Ritter	25%
Rep. Hughes	22%
Sen. Carona	22%
Rep. Pitts	21%
Rep. Martinez	20%

Most Liberal Legislators

82nd Legislature 12% & Below

Rep. D. Howard	9%
Rep. Burnam	10%
Sen. Rodriguez	11%

Lowest Scoring Republicans

82nd Legislature 55% & Below

Sen. Wentworth	42%
Sen. Duncan	47%
Sen. Seliger	50%
Sen. Ogden	51%
Rep. Woolley	54%
Sen. Eltife	55%
Sen. Estes	55%

Dangerous Trends

A Negative Change of 20% or More from Previous Rating

Rep. Aycock	23%
Rep. Craddick	20%
Rep. Smithee	20%

Change in Ratings by Standing Committee Chairmen

81st to 82nd Legislature

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
82nd: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>Hardcastle, Rick</i>	64
81st: Agriculture & Livestock	<i>Gonzalez-Tourelles</i>	23
82nd: Appropriations	<i>Pitts, Jim</i>	62
81st: Appropriations	<i>Pitts, Jim</i>	41
82nd: Border & Intergovernmental Affairs	<i>Gonzales, Veronica</i>	18
81st: Border & Intergovernmental Affairs	<i>Gonzales, Veronica</i>	10
82nd: Business & Industry	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	32
81st: Business & Industry	<i>Deshotel, Joe</i>	26
82nd: Calendars	<i>Hunter, Todd</i>	69
81st: Calendars	<i>McCall, Brian</i>	27
82nd: Corrections	<i>Madden, Jerry</i>	77
81st: Corrections	<i>McReynolds, Jim</i>	39
82nd: County Affairs	<i>Coleman, Garnet</i>	16
81st: County Affairs	<i>Coleman, Garnet</i>	10
82nd: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Gallego, Pete</i>	33
81st: Criminal Jurisprudence	<i>Gallego, Pete</i>	16
82nd: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Guillen, Ryan</i>	45
81st: Culture, Recreation & Tourism	<i>Homer, Mark</i>	41
82nd: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	<i>Pickett, Joseph</i>	46
81st: Defense & Veterans' Affairs	<i>Corte, Frank</i>	70
82nd: Elections	<i>Taylor, Larry</i>	71
82nd: Voter ID & Voter Fraud, Select	<i>Bonnen, Dennis</i>	81
81st: Elections	<i>Smith, Todd</i>	58
82nd: Energy Resources	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	72
81st: Energy Resources	<i>Keffer, Jim</i>	55
82nd: Environmental Regulations	<i>Smith, Wayne</i>	66
81st: Environmental Regulations	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	74
82nd: General Investigations & Ethics	<i>Hopson, Chuck</i>	62
81st: General Investigations & Ethics	<i>Hopson, Chuck</i>	35
82nd: Higher Education	<i>Branch, Dan</i>	67
81st: Higher Education	<i>Branch, Dan</i>	61
82nd: House Administration	<i>Geren, Charlie</i>	73
81st: House Administration	<i>Geren, Charlie</i>	59
82nd: Human Services	<i>Raymond, Richard</i>	32
81st: Human Services	<i>Rose, Patrick</i>	29
82nd: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	67
81st: Insurance	<i>Smithee, John</i>	87

Standing Committee	Committee Chair	Score
82nd: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	<i>Jackson, Jim</i>	71
81st: Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	<i>Hunter, Todd</i>	68
82nd: Land & Resource Management	<i>Oliveira, Rene</i>	22
81st: Land & Resource Management	<i>Bonnen, Dennis</i>	81
82nd: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Hamilton, Mike</i>	63
81st: Licensing & Admin Procedures	<i>Kuempel, Edmund</i>	57
82nd: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Thompson, Senfronia</i>	13
81st: Local & Consent Calendars	<i>Thompson, Senfronia</i>	13
82nd: Natural Resources	<i>Ritter, Allan</i>	57
81st: Natural Resources	<i>Ritter, Allan</i>	32
82nd: Pen, Investments & Fin. Services	<i>Truitt, Vicki</i>	63
81st: Pen, Investments & Fin. Services	<i>Truitt, Vicki</i>	74
82nd: Public Education	<i>Eissler, Rob</i>	64
81st: Public Education	<i>Eissler, Rob</i>	61
82nd: Public Health	<i>Kolkhorst, Lois</i>	73
81st: Public Health	<i>Kolkhorst, Lois</i>	74
82nd: Homeland Sec & Public Safety	<i>Miller, Sid</i>	79
81st: Public Safety	<i>Merritt, Tommy</i>	48
82nd: Redistricting	<i>Solomons, Burt</i>	76
81st: Redistricting	<i>Jones, Delwin</i>	52
82nd: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	18
81st: Rules & Resolutions	<i>McClendon, Ruth</i>	16
82nd: State Affairs	<i>Cook, Byron</i>	64
82nd: Government Efficiency & Reform	<i>Callegari, Bill</i>	65
82nd: State Sovereignty, Select	<i>Creighton, Brandon</i>	83
81st: State Affairs	<i>Solomons, Burt</i>	70
82nd: Technology	<i>Peña, Aaron</i>	57
82nd: Eco & Small Bus Development	<i>Davis, John</i>	64
81st: Tech, Economic Dev. & Workforce	<i>Strama, Mark</i>	3
82nd: Transportation	<i>Phillips, Larry</i>	82
81st: Transportation	<i>Pickett, Joe</i>	17
82nd: Urban Affairs	<i>Dutton, Harold</i>	21
81st: Urban Affairs	<i>Davis, Yvonne</i>	13
82nd: Ways & Means	<i>Hilderbran, Harvey</i>	75
81st: Ways & Means	<i>Oliveira, Rene</i>	15

Average Committee Chair Rating	
82nd	57
81st	43

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Legislative Ratings – 82nd Session

Quick Reference – Listed By Name

P	D	Legislator	82nd	C
House				
R		35 Aliseda	73	R
D		131 Allen	21	13
D		104 Alonzo	16	10
D		145 Alvarado	16	11
D		103 Anchia	13	15
R		56 Anderson, C	73	83
R		106 Anderson, R	71	R
R		54 Aycock	64	78
R		57 Beck	71	R
R		6 Berman	82	87
R		138 Bohac	63	71
R		25 Bonnen	81	78
R		108 Branch	67	72
R		14 Brown	60	72
R		101 Burkett	75	R
D		90 Burnam	10	10
R		112 Button	66	70
R		3 Cain	89	R
R		132 Callegari	65	77
R		102 Carter	73	R
D		125 Castro	13	15
R		88 Chisum	71	75
R		9 Christian	93	94
D		147 Coleman	16	11
R		8 Cook	64	74
R		82 Craddick	64	88
R		16 Creighton	83	83
R		64 Crownover	66	78
R		72 Darby	63	71
R		129 Davis, J	64	79
R		134 Davis, S	61	R
D		111 Davis, Y	20	11
D		22 Deshotel	32	22
R		113 Driver	67	77
D		46 Dukes	16	11
D		142 Dutton	21	14
D		23 Eiland	34	26
R		15 Eissler	64	76
R		135 Elkins	79	83
D		118 Farias	19	21
D		148 Farrar	21	8
R		130 Fletcher	80	85
R		2 Flynn	92	88
R		84 Frullo	74	R
D		74 Gallego	33	21

P	D	Legislator	82nd	C
R		117 Garza	73	R
R		99 Geren	73	58
D		109 Giddings	24	17
R		52 Gonzales, L	66	R
D		41 Gonzales, V	18	17
D		76 Gonzalez	18	R
R		4 Gooden	71	R
D		31 Guillen	45	36
D		119 Gutierrez	16	16
R		19 Hamilton	63	65
R		91 Hancock	80	83
R		68 Hardcastle	64	63
R		126 Harless	64	72
R		105 Harper-Brown	67	83
R		114 Hartnett	64	83
D		143 Hernandez Luna	15	8
R		53 Hilderbran	75	83
D		137 Hochberg	23	14
R		11 Hopson	62	43
R		26 Howard, C	71	89
D		48 Howard, D	9	12
R		127 Huberty	73	R
R		5 Hughes	89	86
R		32 Hunter	69	54
R		45 Isaac	75	R
R		115 Jackson	71	70
D		100 Johnson	26	R
R		60 Keffer	72	74
R		61 King, P	82	78
R		71 King, S	63	65
D		80 King, T	46	36
R		17 Kleinschmidt	71	76
R		13 Kolkhorst	73	74
R		44 Kuempel	67	R
R		85 Landtroop	84	R
R		122 Larson	71	R
R		89 Laubenberg	84	91
R		1 Lavender	79	R
R		144 Legler	80	87
R		81 Lewis	64	72
D		43 Lozano	39	R
D		38 Lucio	21	18
R		69 Lyne	63	R
R		67 Madden	77	83
D		110 Mallory Caraway	15	16
R		78 Margo	61	R

P	D	Legislator	82nd	C
D		77 Marquez	17	16
D		39 Martinez	36	25
D		116 Martinez Fischer	17	16
D		120 McClendon	18	14
D		124 Menendez	32	25
D		146 Miles	23	19
R		73 Miller, D	67	69
R		59 Miller, S	79	84
R		30 Morrison	68	71
D		36 Muñoz	27	25
R		133 Murphy	70	75
D		49 Naishtat	14	9
R		93 Nash	70	R
D		37 Oliveira	22	20
R		58 Orr	80	83
R		18 Otto	71	74
R		63 Parker	80	89
R		94 Patrick	63	63
R		70 Paxton	95	95
R		40 Peña	57	35
R		83 Perry	80	R
R		62 Phillips	82	87
D		79 Pickett	46	26
R		10 Pitts	62	71
R		87 Price	70	R
D		75 Quintanilla	35	31
D		42 Raymond	32	27
D		27 Reynolds	20	R
R		150 Riddle	79	87
R		21 Ritter	57	40
D		51 Rodriguez	13	15
R		20 Schwertner	77	R
R		34 Scott	70	R
R		107 Sheets	70	R
R		55 Sheffield	71	77
R		97 Shelton	68	71
R		7 Simpson	91	R
R		92 Smith, T	61	69
R		128 Smith, W	66	79
R		86 Smithee	67	83
R		65 Solomons	76	81
D		50 Strama	16	20
R		121 Straus	SP	67
R		24 Taylor, L	71	84
R		66 Taylor, V	80	R
D		141 Thompson	13	13

P	D	Legislator	82nd	C
R		33 Torres	68	R
R		98 Truitt	63	76
D		139 Turner	21	17
D		95 Veasey	20	21
D		123 Villarreal	20	15
D		149 Vo	30	28
D		140 Walle	17	14
R		29 Weber	88	92
R		12 White	82	R
R		136 Woolley	54	79
R		47 Workman	76	R
R		96 Zedler	84	85
R		28 Zerwas	60	66

Senate				
R		22 Birdwell	95	R
R		16 Carona	60	61
D		10 Davis	24	16
R		2 Deuell	58	56
R		28 Duncan	47	54
D		13 Ellis	13	14
R		1 Eltife	55	57
R		30 Estes	55	65
R		24 Fraser	71	81
D		6 Gallegos	18	14
R		9 Harris	63	71
R		18 Hegar	63	67
D		20 Hinojosa	26	23
R		17 Huffman	63	67
R		11 Jackson	61	79
D		27 Lucio	18	36
R		12 Nelson	79	89
R		3 Nichols	63	64
R		5 Ogden	51	66
R		7 Patrick	87	86
D		29 Rodriguez	11	R
R		31 Seliger	50	55
R		8 Shapiro	71	79
D		19 Uresti	30	15
D		26 Van de Putte	16	25
D		14 Watson	18	16
R		25 Wentworth	42	59
D		23 West	18	25
D		15 Whitmire	37	26
R		4 Williams	60	71
D		21 Zaffirini	24	26

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House				
R		70 Paxton	95	95
R		9 Christian	93	94
R		2 Flynn	92	88
R		7 Simpson	91	R
R		5 Hughes	89	86
R		3 Cain	89	R
R		29 Weber	88	92
R		89 Laubenberg	84	91
R		96 Zedler	84	85
R		85 Landtroop	84	R
R		16 Creighton	83	83
R		6 Berman	82	87
R		61 King, P	82	78
R		12 White	82	R
R		62 Phillips	82	87
R		25 Bonnen	81	78
R		63 Parker	80	89
R		130 Fletcher	80	85
R		91 Hancock	80	83
R		58 Orr	80	83
R		66 Taylor, V	80	R
R		144 Legler	80	87
R		83 Perry	80	R
R		59 Miller, S	79	84
R		150 Riddle	79	87
R		135 Elkins	79	83
R		1 Lavender	79	R
R		67 Madden	77	83
R		20 Schwertner	77	R
R		47 Workman	76	R
R		65 Solomons	76	81
R		45 Isaac	75	R
R		101 Burkett	75	R
R		53 Hilderbran	75	83
R		84 Frullo	74	R
R		56 Anderson, C	73	83
R		35 Aliseda	73	R
R		99 Geren	73	58
R		13 Kolkhorst	73	74
R		102 Carter	73	R
R		117 Garza	73	R
R		127 Huberty	73	R
R		60 Keffer	72	74
R		26 Howard, C	71	89
R		55 Sheffield	71	77

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R		17 Kleinschmidt	71	76
R		115 Jackson	71	70
R		122 Larson	71	R
R		4 Gooden	71	R
R		57 Beck	71	R
R		24 Taylor, L	71	84
R		88 Chisum	71	75
R		106 Anderson, R	71	R
R		18 Otto	71	74
R		133 Murphy	70	75
R		93 Nash	70	R
R		87 Price	70	R
R		34 Scott	70	R
R		107 Sheets	70	R
R		32 Hunter	69	54
R		30 Morrison	68	71
R		97 Shelton	68	71
R		33 Torres	68	R
R		121 Straus	SP	67
R		105 Harper-Brown	67	83
R		108 Branch	67	72
R		73 Miller, D	67	69
R		44 Kuempel	67	R
R		86 Smithee	67	83
R		113 Driver	67	77
R		128 Smith, W	66	79
R		64 Crownover	66	78
R		112 Button	66	70
R		52 Gonzales, L	66	R
R		132 Callegari	65	77
R		82 Craddick	64	88
R		114 Hartnett	64	83
R		129 Davis, J	64	79
R		54 Aycock	64	78
R		15 Eissler	64	76
R		8 Cook	64	74
R		81 Lewis	64	72
R		68 Hardcastle	64	63
R		126 Harless	64	72
R		19 Hamilton	63	65
R		69 Lyne	63	R
R		138 Bohac	63	71
R		71 King, S	63	65
R		98 Truitt	63	76
R		72 Darby	63	71
R		94 Patrick	63	63

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R		11 Hopson	62	43
R		10 Pitts	62	71
R		92 Smith, T	61	69
R		78 Margo	61	R
R		134 Davis, S	61	R
R		14 Brown	60	72
R		28 Zerwas	60	66
R		21 Ritter	57	40
R		40 Peña	57	35
R		136 Woolley	54	79
D		80 King, T	46	36
D		79 Pickett	46	26
D		31 Guillen	45	36
D		43 Lozano	39	R
D		39 Martinez	36	25
D		75 Quintanilla	35	31
D		23 Eiland	34	26
D		74 Gallego	33	21
D		42 Raymond	32	27
D		124 Menendez	32	25
D		22 Deshotel	32	22
D		149 Vo	30	28
D		36 Muñoz	27	25
D		100 Johnson	26	R
D		109 Giddings	24	17
D		146 Miles	23	19
D		137 Hochberg	23	14
D		37 Oliveira	22	20
D		142 Dutton	21	14
D		139 Turner	21	17
D		148 Farrar	21	8
D		38 Lucio	21	18
D		131 Allen	21	13
D		111 Davis, Y	20	11
D		95 Veasey	20	21
D		123 Villarreal	20	15
D		27 Reynolds	20	R
D		118 Farias	19	21
D		120 McClendon	18	14
D		41 Gonzales, V	18	17
D		76 Gonzalez	18	R
D		140 Walle	17	14
D		77 Marquez	17	16
D		116 Martinez Fischer	17	16
D		147 Coleman	16	11
D		50 Strama	16	20

P	D	Legislator	82nd	C
D		145 Alvarado	16	11
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1. Election of Speaker

January 11, 2011; RV #1; Journal Page 15: 132 Yeas, 15 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay or Present-not-voting. Prior to the start of the 82nd Session, YCT endorsed Rep. Ken Paxton for Speaker of the Texas House and issued a press release stating that we would include the vote for speaker in our legislative ratings. Speaker Straus hails from the Moderate wing of the Republican Party. His leadership during the 81st legislative session and during the 82nd legislative session has been disappointing to many conservatives. Rep. Paxton, on the other hand, is a proven conservative who currently holds the highest career rating on YCT's legislative ratings.

2. HB 15 Floor Amendment 14

Motion to Table; March 3, 2011; RV #74; Journal Page 624: 100 Yeas, 45 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 14 would have required the state to provide healthcare for any child saved from abortion due to the sonogram requirements of HB 15. YCT is appalled by those who would cloud the life and death issues involved in abortion with demands for the provision of social services. We owe a duty to children everywhere to keep them safe from abortion. Just because we would like them to live does not mean that they and their parents are automatically owed free healthcare.

3. HB 15

Passage to Engrossment; March 3, 2011; RV #90; Journal Page 653: 103 Yeas, 45 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 15, if it survives current judicial scrutiny, will require abortion providers to give the woman the option of viewing a sonogram image of her unborn baby before continuing with an abortion. Women should be fully informed before undergoing such a grave procedure. Furthermore, YCT believes that allowing women an opportunity to see the face, fingers, and indeed the beating

heart of the child growing inside of them will lead women in crisis-pregnancy situations to make more responsible, life-affirming decisions.

4. SB 14 Floor Amendment 49

Motion to Table; March 23, 2011; RV #135; Journal Page 1008: 99 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 49 would have provided for election-day voter registration. YCT believes that election-day voter registration would increase the risk of voter fraud. Furthermore, YCT is unsympathetic to those who do not prepare in advance of elections to register to vote.

5. SB 14

Passage to Engrossment; March 23, 2011; RV # 149; Journal Page 1039: 101 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 14, the "Voter ID" bill, will require that all voters present a photo ID when they vote. Under existing law, elections were not secure and there were not enough countermeasures to ensure against election fraud. Requiring voters to present a photo ID, something that is required for a multitude of other daily tasks, is a common-sense measure to prevent election fraud.

6. HB 4 Floor Amendment 28

Motion to Table; March 31, 2011; RV #189; Journal Page 1189: 93 Yeas, 51 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Amendment 28 would have required that any revenue collected by the state during the biennium in excess of predicted totals be transferred to higher education. Higher education does not suffer from a lack of funding. Higher education suffers from distorted priorities and a near complete lack of cost containment. Universities could be improved while spending less money if lawmakers simply forced the universities to focus on education rather than pet projects.

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7. HB 1 Floor Amendment 6

Adoption; April 1, 2011; RV #215; Journal Page 1240: 67 Yeas, 61 Nays, 17 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 6 transferred money from the Commission on the Arts to the Department of Aging and Disability Services. During tough fiscal times, the state is forced to prioritize where it spends money, and it is important that spending be prioritized for the provision of those services on which people rely for their health and safety, rather than being spent to subsidize luxuries, like the arts. There was much hand-wringing over this issue, with Rep. Donna Howard even referring to it as a “Sophie’s Choice.” However, YCT believes that Amendment 6 offered an obvious public policy choice, as subsidies to the arts are completely unnecessary, especially when funds are needed to fund services for the elderly and the disabled.

8. HB 1 Floor Amendment 143

Adoption; April 1, 2011; RV #243; Journal Page 1348: 110 Yeas, 24 Nays, 10 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 143 would have required that every university which provides funding, space, or resources for an LGBT or otherwise labeled homosexual resource center be required to provide equal resources to a “Traditional Family Values Center.” YCT brought this measure to the legislature, first and foremost, to bring attention to the fact that taxes and student fees are being used at several universities to promote the homosexual lifestyle. For example, during the session, it was discovered that the LGBT Resource Center at Texas A&M had spent funds to host a presentation in which students were instructed and encouraged to engage in anal sodomy. YCT does not actually believe that universities should be funding “Traditional Family Values Centers,” but they should certainly not be entering the political fray to fund and staff political centers that promote the homosexual agenda. Leave the advocacy up to student groups, not paid staff. Until the practice of funding pro-homosexual centers comes to an end, funding parity is a logical requirement.

9. HB 1 Floor Amendment 234

Motion to Table; April 3, 2011; RV #253; Journal Page 1400: 125 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 234 would have defunded the “cancer research” spending authorized by Proposition 15 in 2007, which YCT opposed. While cancer research is obviously an important activity, it is not an essential function of government. During tough fiscal times, it is important that government fund those services which people rely on for their health and safety. YCT believes the state should leave cancer research and treatment up to the market and to charitable causes.

10. HB 716

Passage to Engrossment; April 4, 2011; RV #264; Journal Page 1468: 137 Yeas, 9 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 716 will allow landowners to sell helicopter-based hog hunting trips. Feral hog populations are increasing rapidly and causing millions of dollars in property damage each year. Helicopter-based hunting offers one promising option for feral hog eradication. Opposition to such a measure suggests that some officials harbor misinformed assumptions about hunting, hogs, and profits.

11. HB 243

Passage to Engrossment; April 7, 2011; RV #300; Journal Page 1591: 124 Yeas, 16 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 243, the provisions of which were later amended onto HB 242, which was vetoed by the Governor, would have made it a criminal offense to read, write, or send text messages while driving. While YCT acknowledges that texting while driving is unsafe and discourages the practice, the answer to this problem does not demand another criminal offense which will just be used and abused by law enforcement to bring in money through fines.

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12. HB 2271 Floor Amendment 17

Adoption; April 8, 2011; RV #314; Journal Page 1620: 4 Yeas, 119 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 17 would have created a committee to study the effects of expanding gambling at horse and greyhound racetracks in Texas. YCT opposes expanding gambling because doing so would create a new stakeholder in Texas government. Casinos and race tracks would seek to influence politics and public policy as their first method of increasing profits. The relationship between gambling entities and the government is dangerous to our society. Furthermore, gambling is justified by proponents as a way to “increase revenue.” YCT believes that government should live within its means, not seek out new forms of revenue to pay for unnecessary services.

13. HB 2271 Floor Amendment 24

Adoption; April 8, 2011; RV #315; Journal Page 1623: 41 Yeas, 81 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 24 would have required the Racing commission, in reviewing a racetrack license, to subject the tracks to the state’s “Historically Underutilized Businesses” (HUB) program. The HUB program requires that certain state contracts go to businesses based on the race or gender of their owner. YCT opposes race-based affirmative action in all contexts and urges that it be done away with. Furthermore, state contracts should be awarded based on who provides the best deal, rather than wasting taxpayer money subsidizing less-efficient companies in the interest of “social justice.”

14. SB 18 Floor Amendment 15

Motion to Table; April 13, 2011; RV #353; Journal Page 1725: 95 Yeas, 45 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 15 would have allowed a party whose property is taken through eminent domain but not actually used to repurchase the property at either the market rate or the rate at which the party was originally compensated, whichever is low-

er. It is fundamentally immoral to steal property from an individual, not use it for the stated purpose, and then require them to pay more than they were given to get it back if the market rate has gone up. Despite the failure of Amendment 15, YCT is pleased that many representatives reexamined this issue and corrected their stance on the issue through the use of journal statements.

15. HB 1625

Passage; April 13, 2011; RV #365; Journal Page 1745: 140 Yeas, 5 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1625 increases the continuing education requirements necessary to renew an electrical sign apprentice license. This is another measure that begs the question: “What is the glaring need for this regulation?” Legislators should avoid the temptation to regulate professions; the benefits are questionable and the primary demand for regulation usually comes from rent seekers within the profession who wish to create barriers to entry in order to decrease competition and drive up prices.

16. HCR 18

Adoption; April 13, 2011 RV # 371 Journal Page 1754: 115 Yeas, 17 Nays, 16 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HCR 18 called on Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the US Constitution. Our rapidly expanding federal debt is one of the great crises of our time. Opposition to, or even more amazingly, a refusal to take a stand on a simple resolution calling for Congress to stop the bleeding and balance the budget is incomprehensible.

17. HB 1353

Passage; April 18, 2011; RV #409; Journal Page 1874: 146 Yeas, 2 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 1353 increased the maximum speed limit to 75 miles per hour, removed the reduced night time speed limit, and eliminated different speed limits for large trucks. YCT supports this change because there is no compelling safety argument why drivers should not be

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free to drive at faster speeds. Furthermore, by reducing speed limit variation, driver confusion should be reduced, leading to fewer costly citations.

18. HB 1633 Floor Amendment 1

Adoption; April 20, 2011; RV #470; Journal Page 2041: 48 Yeas, 100 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1633 would have required jurors, in order to serve, to be able to read or write English. This is a common-sense regulation designed to ensure that jurors can properly participate in administering justice. Amendment 1 would have changed the regulation to allow those who cannot read or write English but can only “understand” English to serve on a jury. YCT believes a vote for this amendment is a vote in favor of leaving our justice system in the hands of illiterate jurors.

19. HB 5

Passage to Engrossment; April 20, 2011; RV #500; Journal Page 2085: 102 Yeas, 46 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 5 would have empowered the state to create a legal framework and to request approval from congress for an interstate compact for the purposes of administering Medicaid. The current unfunded federal mandates related to Medicaid are threatening to overwhelm state budgets. Interstate compacts would allow the states to improve services and reduce costs, and would return power over healthcare to the states, where it belongs.

20. HB 1451

Passage to Engrossment; April 26, 2011; RV # 531; Journal Page 2213: 92 Yeas, 44 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1451 created new licensing requirements and regulations on dog and cat breeders. These regulations, officially aimed at “puppy mills”, will impose many burdensome and costly regulations on private pet owners who simply have a moderate number of dogs or cats. YCT opposes unnecessary regulations as they often do not

prove to be as successful at combating the perceived evils at which they are targeted, and in this case, they risk making criminals of well-meaning citizens.

21. HB 273

Passage; April 27, 2011; RV #553; Journal Page 2280: 133 Yeas, 15 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 273, would have, contingent upon the passage of the interstate healthcare compact provisions of HB 5, created a committee to study the implementation of interstate healthcare compacts. The provisions of this measure would only take effect if the state approves the necessary legal framework and receives the blessing of Congress. Regardless of one’s position on interstate healthcare compacts, such approval would prove that they are meritorious and worthy of examination. Accordingly, opposition to this measure was seriously misplaced.

22. HB 1146

Passage; April 27, 2011; RV #564; Journal Page 2289: 124 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1146 instituted new regulations on appraisal management companies in satisfaction of the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. YCT opposes unnecessary regulation of market entities. Furthermore, YCT believes in federalism and the sovereignty of our state, and opposes compliance with any federal mandate which seeks to require our state to pass any piece of legislation.

23. HB 397

Passage to Engrossment; April 28, 2011; RV #598; Journal Page 2373: 117 Yeas, 17 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 397, which was vetoed by the Governor, would have created a bureau for economic development of the border region. YCT opposes government measures aimed at “economic development” because they presume that government creates “economic growth” when, in fact, government only stifles economic creativity. A bureau aimed at economic development in the border

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region would ultimately destroy economic development elsewhere in the state, through the consumption of tax revenue.

24. SB 321 Floor Amendment 3

Motion to Table; May 3, 2011; RV #649; Journal Page 2727: 100 Yeas, 41 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. SB 321 will allow concealed handgun license permit holders to keep a handgun in their vehicle while parked in a lot on their employer's property. Amendment 3 would have exempted childcare facilities from the scope of the legislation. YCT fails to understand the logical basis of the amendment. Child-care employees are just as deserving as other Texans of the right to protect themselves while traveling to and from work. If the concern is about children accessing firearms, it begs the question of what is to be done about the greater issue of children presumably running around daycare parking lots breaking into cars.

25. SB 257

Passage; May 4, 2011; RV #664; Journal Page 2807: 110 Yeas, 26 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT: Yea. SB 257 allows Texans to display a "Choose Life" license plate on their vehicle and provides for a "Choose Life Account" in which optional license plate fees collected can be provided to life affirming causes. YCT opposes abortion and supports measures aimed at encouraging a culture of life.

26. SB 321

Passage; May 4, 2011; RV #666; Journal Page 2813: 117 Yeas, 29 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT: Yea on Motion to Table. SB 321 ensures that concealed handgun license permit holders can store a firearm in the parking lot of their employer. Floor amendment 1 would have allowed employers to require employees to provide notice before storing a firearm in their vehicle. YCT support the rights of CHL permit holders. Floor amendment 1 would have allowed for additional

burdens on CHL holders which would have defeated the confidential nature of concealed carry.

27. HB 1942

Passage; May 4, 2011; RV #680; Journal Page 2828: 94 Yeas, 41 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1942 expanded requirements on schools regarding anti-bullying programs. YCT is skeptical of "anti-bullying" efforts because they are often hijacked to focus on activity which occurs outside of school or on the internet, which is the responsibility of parents, and can be used easily to stifle student speech. Schools already have the tools available to address abusive and disruptive behavior at school and are free to create programs to meet whatever problems they may be facing.

28. HB 1395

Passage; May 4, 2011; RV #708; Journal Page 2864: 134 Yeas, 7 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1395 will phase-in mandatory boater education courses and licenses for people born after September 1, 1993 to legally operate a boat. YCT opposes unnecessary licensing and regulation. This regulation will present a new burden to the enjoyment of boating by all Texans.

29. HB 1276

Passage to Engrossment; May 4, 2011; RV #714; Journal Page 2875: 50 Yeas, 91 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 1276 would have required Texas transportation planners to make maximizing federal funding a priority when making transportation planning decisions. YCT believes it is dangerous for policy makers to make maximizing federal funding a policy-making priority. Doing so unnecessarily defers to the judgment of federal policy-makers who do not understand the needs of our state and ensures that already bloated federal budgets are stretched further.

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30. HJR 61

Passage; May 5, 2011; RV #730; Journal Page 2952: 85 Yeas, 58 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HJR 61 would have decreased the frequency of elections for District Judge from every four years to every six years. YCT supports the direct election of judges and opposes any effort which would make elected officials less accountable to voters. Decreasing the frequency of judicial elections would make judges less accountable to voters.

31. HB 1 Motion to Instruct Conferees

May 6, 2011; RV #791; Journal Page 3099: 86 Yeas, 39 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This motion was made in order to instruct conferees to retain the House provisions in the budget defunding all taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood after members of the Senate had reinserted funding for Planned Parenthood into the budget. YCT believes in the sanctity of life and therefore opposes any funding for the abortion industry. Abortion providers should not receive any taxpayer subsidies, even if those subsidies are for non-abortion services, because the subsidies ultimately facilitate abortions by bringing down overhead.

32. HB 1 Motion to Instruct Conferees

May 6, 2011; RV #792; Journal Page 3100: 74 Yeas, 54 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. This motion was made in order to instruct conferees to exclude any use of the state's Rainy Day Fund from the budget. The Senate had increased spending using Rainy Day Funds. YCT opposed the use of the Rainy Day Fund during this legislative session. The state should live within its means. Use of the Rainy Day Fund for optional spending during this session would almost certainly mean tax increases during the coming session, because necessary cuts would not be made and because the legislature used budgetary gimmicks to underestimate costs, creating a de facto deficit entering the 83rd legislature.

33. HB 2678

Passage; May 6, 2011; RV #813; Journal Page 3124: 129 Yeas, 5 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2678 imposed new requirements for the certification of driving instructors and courses. YCT opposes unnecessary licensing and regulation. This regulation will present new burdens to the provision of driver education and will likely increase driver education costs.

34. SB 1107

Passage; May 6, 2011; RV #817; Journal Page 3129: 122 Yeas, 14 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 1107 expands a mandatory bacterial meningitis vaccination program passed during the 81st legislative session to include all incoming students at Texas institutions of higher education, even those students who elect to live off-campus. YCT opposes mandatory vaccination schemes, especially those which do not provide alternatives for those who choose not to participate.

35. HB 12

Passage to Engrossment; May 9, 2011; RV #876; Journal Page 3292: 100 Yeas, 41 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 12 would have banned cities from establishing "sanctuary city" policies or from prohibiting the sharing of information regarding immigration statuses between federal and local authorities. Illegal immigration is a serious problem and must be addressed. One of the first steps in tackling this serious problem is eliminating misguided local policies which perpetuate it.

36. HB 2510

Passage; May 11, 2011; RV #964; Journal Page 3555: 142 Yeas, 3 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 2510 seeks to exempt light bulbs produced within Texas from federal regulations which seek to ban Edison light bulbs in favor of compact fluorescents. The federal regulation is nonsense and limits consumer choice. Furthermore, this measure seeks to challenge

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unconstitutional interpretations of federal power under the commerce clause by asserting freedom from federal regulation over intrastate produced goods.

37. HB 882

Passage; May 13, 2011; RV #1051; Journal Page 3876: 118 Yeas, 17 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 882 sought to prohibit the sale of alcoholic malt beverages which contained caffeine. While the wisdom of consuming alcoholic energy drinks may be questionable, there appears to be no justification for prohibiting adults from purchasing them. YCT believes consumers should be trusted to make their own health decisions.

38. HB 804

Passage; May 13, 2011; RV #1069; Journal Page 3900: 110 Yeas, 16 Nays, 9 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 804 would have made it an offense for a person who is not a US citizen to illegally vote in an election. YCT believes that we must secure our elections against fraud. This measure would have provided tools to law enforcement to ensure the security of our elections.

39. HB 892

Passage; May 13, 2011; RV #1092; Journal Page 3936: 122 Yeas, 12 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 892 would have created the offense of illegal transport of an illegal alien. Securing our border and ending the tide of illegal immigration into our state is one of the most important issues of the day. However, even if one were to support and encourage illegal immigration, YCT fails to understand how any official could oppose giving law enforcement the tools they need to fight human trafficking.

40. HB 875

Passage; May 13, 2011; RV #1095; Journal Page 3939: 124 Yeas, 6 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 875 would have required law enforcement to check the immigration status of defendants while in custody and deny bail to those who were identified as foreign nationals. Securing our border and ending the tide of illegal immigration into our state is one of the most important issues of the day. This was a common sense measure which would have prevented law enforcement from releasing illegal aliens who have been arrested for a crime.

41. HB 2507

Passage; May 13, 2011; RV #1102; Journal Page 3960: 125 Yeas, 11 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. HB 2507 created the offense of installing an irrigation system without a license. This measure begs the question, "What is the desperate need for this new criminal offense?" Legislators should avoid the temptation to regulate professions as the benefits are questionable, and the primary demand for regulation usually comes from rent seekers within the profession and who wish to create barriers to entry to decrease competition and drive up prices.

42. HCR 50

Adoption; May 18, 2011; RV #1150; Journal Page 4148: 102 Yeas, 44 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HCR 50 was a resolution claiming sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment and demanding that Congress eliminate unconstitutional mandates which seek to require the states to pass legislation or enforce regulations under the threat of criminal penalty or revocation of federal funding. YCT supports the Tenth Amendment and believes that Texas should take all reasonable measures to restore the sovereignty of our state.

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43. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 47

Adoption; May 20, 2011; RV # 1210; Journal Page 4523: 46 Yeas, 96 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 47 would have created and funded a Legislative Fellows Program in which the Chancellors of each higher education system would appoint 20 students to work in the legislature, to be paid through taxpayer funds. Each session, YCT members work as employees and interns in the legislature and they earn these positions on their own merit. They earn a salary through existing legislative budgets, work for free, or receive funding through private fellowship programs. The program proposed by Amendment 47 would use taxpayer funds to reward those students who endear themselves to the higher education establishment and who would lobby on the systems' behalf while working in the legislature.

44. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 50

Adoption; May 20, 2011; RV # 1212; Journal Page 4538: 50 Yeas, 91 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 50 would have abolished the Emerging Technologies Fund. YCT opposes any fund which spends taxpayer money, taken from the economy, for the purpose of "economic development." However, the Emerging Technologies Fund is even more problematic than other programs, such as the Enterprise Fund and Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Fund, because it funnels taxpayer funds to already bloated institutions of higher education to promote projects of dubious merit.

45. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 55

Adoption; May 20, 2011; RV #1216; Journal Page 4547: 79 Yeas, 58 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 55 amended the provisions of Amendment 53 to exempt billiard halls from a statewide ban on smoking in public businesses. Besides limiting the scope of a regulation YCT opposed, this amendment was positive for two primary reasons. First, billiard halls consistently spoke-out at legislative hearings opposing the

regulation. Second, the exemption acknowledged that smoking bans negatively impact some businesses more than others. Businesses like billiard halls and bowling alleys have been particularly hard-hit by smoking bans because the laws require smokers to leave their game in order to go outside and smoke.

46. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 53

Adoption; May 20, 2011; RV #1217; Journal Page 4549: 73 Yeas, 66 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 53 would have imposed a statewide ban on smoking in public businesses. YCT strongly opposes a statewide smoking ban because it violates the rights of property owners to decide what to allow in their own businesses. Those who would like a smoke free environment should seek out businesses which do not allow smoking. Those businesses who would like to cater to those customers who desire to smoke in their bar or other business should be free to provide that service.

47. SB 377

Passage; May 23, 2011; RV #1305; Journal Page 4855: 141 Yeas, 1 Nay, 2 Present-not-voting

YCT: Yea. SB 377 altered existing law to provide that the murder of a child from age 7-10 was a capital offense. YCT supports capital punishment, especially as an option for the most heinous of crimes, such as crimes against young children.

48. SB 81

Passage; May 25, 2011; RV #1423; Journal Page 5444: 131 Yeas, 17 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. SB 81 removed a licensing exemption from produce shippers and subjected them to examination by the Department of State Health Services. YCT opposes unnecessary licensing and regulation requirements. Measures like these impose costly regulations on the market but often fail to solve the targeted problems.

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49. SB 7 Floor Amendment 11 (Special Session)

Motion to Table; June 8, 2011; RV #11; Journal Page 45: 84 Yeas, 52 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 11 would have required state regulated healthcare policies to provide a waiver from mandatory immunizations for those who object on religious grounds. YCT opposes mandatory immunization schemes and supports opt-outs for those who choose not to participate.

50. SB 7 Floor Amendment 27 (Special Session)

Adoption; June 8, 2011; RV #12; Journal Page 85: 100 Yeas, 37 Nays, 2 Present-not-voting.

YCT Yea. Amendment 27 prohibits hospital districts from providing taxpayer funds for abortions. This amendment successfully caused the Travis County hospital district to stop funding abortions, undoubtedly saving lives. YCT supports the sanctity of life and opposes abortion. It is immoral to tax people and then use those funds to facilitate the murder of unborn children.

51. SB 1 Floor Amendment 39 (Special Session)

Adoption; June 9, 2011; RV #33; Journal Page 172: 139 Yeas, 2 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. Amendment 39 provided for the Texas Education Agency to develop a plan for the suspension of tests required by the No Child Left Behind Act as a cost-saving measure for the current biennium. YCT believes that standardized testing has proved a distraction from education and supports any measure which frees local school districts from Federal regulations and allows them to choose how best to educate their children.

52. SB 1 Floor Amendment 150 (Special Session)

Adoption; June 9, 2011; RV #53; Journal Page 340: 44 Yeas, 92 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Nay. Amendment 150 gutted the provisions of Amendment 148 which would have prohibited universities from providing funding, space, or resources for an LGBT or otherwise labeled homosexual resource center. This amendment was a follow-up to the “Traditional Family Values Center” amendment offered on the budget during the regular session but sought to cut to the chase by completely eliminating pro-homosexual political centers from our universities. YCT believes that taxpayer money and mandatory student fees should not be spent on brick and mortar centers which promote a political and social agenda.

53. SB 2 Floor Amendment 3 (Special Session)

Adoption; June 10, 2011; RV #58; Journal Page 371: 79 Yeas, 65 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting.

YCT Yea. Amendment 3 would have reversed an amendment on second reading which appropriated excess Rainy Day funds for the purposes of education funding. YCT opposed the use of the Rainy Day Fund during this legislative session. The state should live within its means. Use of the Rainy Day Fund for optional spending during this session would almost certainly mean tax increases during the coming session, because necessary cuts would not be made and because the legislature opted to use budgetary gimmicks which underestimate costs and, in effect, put the state in a deficit entering the 83rd session.

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54. HB 18 (Special Session)

Passage to Engrossment; June 10, 2011; RV #65; Journal Page 386: 94 Yeas, 48 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 18 allowed school districts more flexibility in setting class sizes. YCT believes that school districts should be free to set their own standards in accordance with their own needs. In addition, this measure did nothing to increase student-to-teacher ratios overall, as it only allowed districts to exceed the 22-1 ratio per classroom if the district's average remained below 22 students per teacher.

55. SB 29 (Special Session)

Permission for Criminal Jurisprudence to Meet; June 28, 2011; RV #140; Journal Page 628: 97 Yeas, 32 Nays, 3 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. HB 29 would have criminalized the TSA's current "enhanced" pat down procedures. YCT believes there is absolutely no justification for the current policies of the TSA which submit our mothers, daughters, and wives to invasive touching which, if it occurred in any other environment, would be prosecuted as sexual harassment. The current policies of the TSA are nonsensical and wrong, and should be eliminated to ensure the privacy rights of Texans and our freedom to travel.

56. HB 750

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YCT coauthoring. HB 750 would have expanded the rights of concealed handgun license holders by allowing them to legally carry on university campuses. YCT supports the expansion of concealed handgun license holders' rights. Concealed Carry on Campus is YCT's number one legislative priority because it directly concerns the rights of our members to protect themselves. Current policy which disallows CHL permit holders, who are allowed to carry a concealed handgun in most other arenas of society, from carrying on college campuses is nonsensical. Because HB 750 did not receive a record vote in the house, and especially in light of the way in which it was killed, YCT has again elected to score members based off of their appearance or lack thereof on the bill's authors list.

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D		119 Gutierrez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	EX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	0	16
			-	+	-	-	-	-	+	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-					

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R		19 Hamilton	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EX	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	63	71	-8	65	
			+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	EX	+					
R		91 Hancock	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	80	87	-7	83	
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EX	+	+	+	+					
R		68 Hardcastle	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	64	65	-1	63	
			-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+					
R		126 Harless	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	64	71	-7	72
			+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	EX	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+					
R		105 Harper-Brown	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	EX	+	+	+	-	67	84	-17	83	
			+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	EX	EX	EX	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+				
R		114 Hartnett	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	64	55	9	83	
			+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-					
D		143 Hernandez Luna	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	10	5	8	
			-	-	EX	EX	EX	EX	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-					
R		53 Hilderbran	-	+	+	+	+	EX	EX	EX	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	75	77	-2	83	
			+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	EX	EX	+	+	+	+	+	+					
D		137 Hochberg	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	23	7	16	14	
			-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-					

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R	11	Hopson	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	62	35	27	43
			EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+					
R	26	Howard, C	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	71	90	-19	89
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
D	48	Howard, D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	3	12
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
R	127	Huberty	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	EX	EX	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	73	R	R	R
			+	+	EX	EX	EX	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
R	5	Hughes	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	89	67	22	86
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
R	32	Hunter	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	69	68	1	54
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	CH	+	+			
R	45	Isaac	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	75	R	R	R
			+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
R	115	Jackson	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	71	55	16	70
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
D	100	Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	EX	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	26	R	R	R
			-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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R		60 Keffer	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	CH	72	55	17	74	
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	CH	+	+	+	+	+				
R		61 King, P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	82	81	1	78
			+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		71 King, S	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	63	55	8	65
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+				
D		80 King, T	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	46	32	14	36
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+				
R		17 Kleinschmidt	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	71	81	-10	76
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		13 Kolkhorst	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	CH	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	73	74	-1	74
			+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+				
R		44 Kuempel	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EX	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	67	R	R	R	
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+				
R		85 Landtroop	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	84	R	R	R
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+				
R		122 Larson	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	71	R	R	R
			+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				

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R	89	Laubenberg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	84	97	-13	91
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	1	Lavender	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	79	R	R	R
			+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	144	Legler	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	EX	EX	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	80	94	-14	87
			-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	81	Lewis	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	64	80	-16	72
			+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-				
D	43	Lozano	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	39	R	R	R
			-	-	-	-	-	-	+	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-				
D	38	Lucio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	EX	EX	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	21	16	5	18
			-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	EX	-					
R	69	Lyne	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	EX	EX	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	63	R	R	R
			+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+				
R	67	Madden	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	77	70	7	83
			+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D	110	Mallory Caraway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	EX	EX	EX	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	20	-5	16
			-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-				

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R	78	Margo	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	61	R	R	R	
			+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-				
D	77	Marquez	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	16	1	16	
			-	-	EX	EX	-	-	-	CH	EX	EX	EX	EX	EX	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
D	39	Martinez	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	36	16	20	25
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+				
D	116	Martinez Fischer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	EX	17	10	7	16
			EX	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
D	120	McClendon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	EX	-	-	-	-	18	16	2	14
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
D	124	Menendez	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	32	16	16	25
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-				
D	146	Miles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	23	15 ^A	8	19
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
R	73	Miller, D	-	+	+	+	+	CH	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	67	71	-4	69
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R	59	Miller, S	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	EX	+	CH	CH	+	-	79	79	0	84
			+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				

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			29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56				
R		30 Morrison	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	EX	EX	68	71	-3	71
			EX	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-				
D		36 Muñoz	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	27	22 ^B	5	25
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-				
R		133 Murphy	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	70	81 ^C	-11	75
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D		49 Naishtat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	10	4	9
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
R		93 Nash	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	70	R	R	R
			+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
D		37 Oliveira	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	EX	EX	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	22	15	7	20
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-				
R		58 Orr	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	EX	+	+	+	-	-	80	81	-1	83
			+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+				
R		18 Otto	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	71	66	5	74
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^B Rep. Muñoz’s Last Session Score is from the 74th Session.

^C Rep. Murphy’s Last Session Score is from the 80th Session.

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^D Rep. Zedler's Last Session Score is from the 80th Session.

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1. SB 14

Passage; January 26, 2011; Journal Page 146: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 14, the “Voter ID” bill, will require that all voters present a photo ID when they vote. Under existing law, elections were not secure and there were not enough countermeasures to ensure against election fraud. Requiring voters to present a photo ID, something that is required for a multitude of other daily tasks, is a common-sense measure to prevent election fraud.

2. SB 321 Floor Amendment 1

Motion to Table; March 15, 2011; Journal Page 533: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT: Yea on Motion to Table. SB 321 ensures that concealed handgun license permit holders can store a firearm in the parking lot of their employer. Floor amendment 1 would have allowed employers to require employees to provide notice before storing a firearm in their vehicle. YCT support the rights of CHL permit holders. Floor amendment 1 would have allowed for additional burdens on CHL holders which would have defeated the confidential nature of concealed carry.

3. SB 321

Adoption of Conference Committee Report; May 27, 2011; Journal Page 4343: 29 Yeas, 2 Nays

YCT: Yea. SB 321 ensures that concealed handgun permit license holders can store a firearm in the parking lot of their employer. Without the ability to legally store a concealed handgun, CHL permits are rendered meaningless for those permit holders who wish to carry a firearm while traveling to and from work. YCT supports the rights of CHL permit holders.

4. SB 257

Passage to Engrossment; March 15, 2011; Journal Page 535: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT: Yea. SB 257 allows Texans to display a “Choose Life” license plate on their vehicle and provides for a “Choose Life Account” in which optional license plate fees collected can be provided to life affirming causes. YCT opposes abortion and supports measures aimed at encouraging a culture of life.

5. SB 377

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; March 30, 2011; Journal Page 820: 28 Yeas, 2 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT: Yea. SB 377 altered existing law to provide that the murder of a child from age 7-10 was a capital offense. YCT supports capital punishment, especially as an option for the most heinous of crimes, such as crimes against young children.

6. SB 127

Passage; April 13, 2011; Journal Page 1077: 24 Yeas, 7 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 127 would have eliminated the hard cap on charter school licenses and replaced it with an annual limit on the number of licenses issued. Charter schools provide an important option for parents and students who are dissatisfied with traditional education options. YCT supports any measure which encourages diversification of education options and provides more and better opportunities for students. That cannot happen so long as the hard cap on the number of charter schools remains in place.

7. SB 291

Passage; April 14, 2011; Journal Page 1119: 27 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT: Nay. SB 291 would have added alcohol awareness components to the required science curriculum in Texas public schools. YCT believes that school districts should

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be free to set their own curriculum and are skeptical about the further inclusion of “awareness” components in required curriculum programs. Schools should focus on providing science classes that actually teach science, rather than wasting students’ time with redundant “awareness” programs.

8. SB 773

Passage; April 19, 2011; Journal Page 1228: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 773 continued a program which requires telecommunications companies to provide services to libraries, schools, hospitals, and other government buildings at a government-dictated, discount rate. YCT believes that government acts improperly when it forces any person or any entity, however large, to provide labor or services at a rate at which it normally would not, as this is nothing more than slavery. Furthermore, beyond their ethical implications, such discounts distort the market and are ultimately borne by other, less-privileged ratepayers.

9. SB 1434

Passage; April 20, 2011; Journal Page 1257: 30 Yeas, 1 Nay

YCT Nay. SB 1434 provides funding for the weatherization of homes of low-income individuals. YCT opposes taxpayer funded make-work programs, particularly those aimed at nebulous “energy-efficiency” goals.

10. SB 89

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; April 20, 2011; Journal Page 1267: 25 Yeas, 6 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 89 expands the summer nutrition program, a program which requires public schools to provide free or reduced price lunches during summer months when classes are not in session. This measure further supplants parents as those responsible for the care of children and inserts the state into a relationship in which it does not belong. The problem of child hunger is a social one and a

reflection of dysfunctional parenting. The solution is not more government. The solution is to hold parents responsible for the care of their children and to empower the community and charitable organizations to ensure that neglected children do not go hungry.

11. SB 1107

Passage; April 29, 2011; Journal Page 1490: 29 Yeas, 2 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1107 expands a mandatory bacterial meningitis vaccination program passed during the 81st legislative session to include all incoming students at Texas institutions of higher education, even those students who elect to live off-campus. YCT opposes mandatory vaccination schemes, especially those which do not provide alternatives for those who choose not to participate.

12. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 21

Motion to Table; April 29, 2011; Journal Page 1595: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 21 would have suspended longevity pay for all state employees for the 2012-2013 biennium. YCT opposes longevity pay schemes and believes that state employees should be compensated on the basis of merit.

13. SB 1811 Floor Amendment 22

Motion to Table; April 29, 2011; Journal Page 1595: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 22 would have required all state agencies, including institutions of higher education, to reduce compensation by 10% of all employees earning \$200,000 or more in annual compensation. During these tough economic times in which the state is tightening budgets, those highest paid government employees should bear a portion of the burden as well.

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14. HB 15

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; May 2, 2011; Journal Page 1611: 21 Yeas, 10 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 15, if it survives current judicial scrutiny, will require abortion providers to give the woman the option of viewing a sonogram image of her unborn baby before continuing with an abortion. Women should be fully informed before undergoing such a grave procedure. Furthermore, YCT believes that allowing women an opportunity to see the face, fingers, and indeed the beating heart of the child growing inside of them will lead women in crisis-pregnancy situations to make more responsible, life-affirming decisions.

15. HB 15 Floor Amendment 2

Motion to Table; May 2, 2011; Journal Page 1619: 19 Yeas, 12 Nays

YCT Yea on Motion to Table. Floor amendment 2 would have allowed an abortion provider to avoid the requirements of HB 15 (the Sonogram Bill) if they had a “good faith” belief that there was a medical emergency. Such loopholes have been abused by abortion providers in other contexts. YCT opposes measures that provide avenues for abortion providers to avoid complying with the law.

16. SB 1809

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; May 5, 2011; Journal Page 1783: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1809 would have spent \$556,000 to study the economic impact of a wall on the Texas-Mexico border. It is obvious that a border wall would be disruptive to economic activity on the border. The question concerning a border wall is not its economic impact, but whether it is an essential part of securing our border and ending the tide of illegal immigration into our state. It is irresponsible of legislators to spend over half a million dollars during a budget deficit simply to generate talking points for those who oppose securing our southern border.

17. SB 1214

Passage; May 6, 2011; Journal Page 1933: 21 Yeas, 8 Nays, 1 Present-not-voting

YCT Yea. SB 1214 would have allowed private and parochial school students to compete in UIL competitions. YCT supports diversification of opportunity in education and believes that ending the public school monopoly on academic and sports competition is a positive step towards allowing greater access and greater options for all students.

18. SCR 32

Adoption; May 9, 2011; Journal Page 2079: 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Yea. SCR 32 expressed opposition to federal regulation of intrastate water resources. The federal government does not have constitutional authority over intrastate water resources under any legitimate interpretation of the commerce clause. Opposition to such a resolution suggests either a deep misunderstanding of the constitution or complete disregard of principles of federalism.

19. SB 1581 Floor Amendment 5

Motion to Table; May 9, 2011; Journal Page 2111: 12 Yeas, 19 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 5 incorporated the language of SB 354, the Senate concealed carry on campus bill, into a state fiscal matters bill. YCT supports the expansion of concealed handgun license holders’ rights. Concealed Carry on Campus is YCT’s number one legislative priority because it directly concerns the rights of our members to protect themselves. Current policy which disallows CHL permit holders, who are allowed to carry a concealed handgun in most other arenas of society, from carrying on college campuses, is nonsensical.

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20. SB 1581 Floor Amendment 11

Motion to Table; May 9, 2011; Journal Page 2122: 16 Yeas, 15 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. Amendment 11 would have repealed the mis-titled policy of “tuition deregulation” at Texas universities unless the 83rd Texas Legislature took positive steps to retain the policy. YCT supports any measure aimed at repealing or diminishing tuition deregulation. YCT has opposed tuition deregulation from the beginning because we knew that any measure which takes the authority over fees out of the hands of elected officials and places it in the hands of unelected bureaucrats would ultimately empower government expansion. Tuition deregulation has been a disaster, leading to rapidly increasing tuition rates at Texas universities. This has happened because universities are government agencies which participate in a non-market environment in which customers are isolated from the effects of price by massive government subsidies.

21. HB 716

Passage; May 11, 2011; Journal Page 2214: 29 Yeas, 2 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 716 will allow landowners to sell helicopter-based hog hunting trips. Feral hog populations are increasing rapidly and causing millions of dollars in property damage each year. Helicopter-based hunting offers one promising option for feral hog eradication. Opposition to such a measure suggests that some officials harbor misinformed assumptions about hunting, hogs, and profits.

22. SB 1485

Passage to Engrossment; May 13, 2011; Journal Page 2293: 17 Yeas, 14 Nays

YCT Nay. SB 1485 would have allowed school districts to equip their buses with exterior cameras to photograph cars that failed to obey the deployable “stop” signs on a bus at rest. These cameras would operate exactly as mobile versions of the red light cameras which exist in some

parts of Texas. Penalties would be imposed by boards of trustees or school districts themselves in conjunction with a municipality. YCT opposes the use of cameras for traffic law enforcement. Schools exist to educate Texas children, not to search for ways to collect revenue under the guise of increasing safety.

23. HB 1146

Passage; May 16, 2011; Journal Page 2362: 27 Yeas, 4 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 1146 instituted new regulations on appraisal management companies in satisfaction of the requirements of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. YCT opposes unnecessary regulation of market entities. Furthermore, YCT believes in federalism and the sovereignty of our state, and opposes compliance with any federal mandate which seeks to require our state to pass any piece of legislation.

24. HB 3272

Passage; May 19, 2011; Journal Page 2588: 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 3272 expanded a program which provides low-income vehicle repair, retrofit, and retirement. This state-based version of “cash-for-clunkers” is an unnecessary government program with dubious merits.

25. HCR 18

Adoption; May 19, 2011; Journal Page 2588: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. HCR 18 called on Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the US Constitution. Our rapidly expanding federal debt is one of the great crises of our time. Regardless of which party is in power in Washington, opposition to a simple resolution calling for Congress to stop the bleeding and balance the budget is beyond understanding.

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26. SB 354

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; May 20, 2011; Journal Page 2687: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays

YCT Yea. SB 354 would have expanded the rights of concealed handgun license holders by allowing them to legally carry on university campuses. YCT supports the expansion of concealed handgun license holders' rights. Concealed Carry on Campus is YCT's number one legislative priority because it directly concerns the rights of our members to protect themselves. Current policy which disallows CHL permit holders, who are allowed to carry a concealed handgun in most other arenas of society, from carrying on college campuses is nonsensical.

27. HB 397

Passage; May 21, 2011; Journal Page 2748: 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 397, which was vetoed by the Governor, would have created a bureau for economic development of the border region. YCT opposes government measures aimed at "economic development" because they presume that government creates "economic growth" when, in fact, government only stifles economic creativity. A bureau aimed at economic development in the border region would ultimately destroy economic development elsewhere in the state, through the consumption of tax revenue.

28. HB 1610

Passage; May 21, 2011; Journal Page 2798: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 1610 streamlined the process by which a teacher who is convicted of a felony can be terminated from their employment. Past law required that convicted teachers have their license revoked and be removed from campus, but left many of them on paid leave. The state should not be paying convicted felons not to work.

29. HB 2507

Passage; May 21, 2011; Journal Page 2807: 30 Yeas, 1 Nay

YCT Nay. HB 2507 created the offense of installing an irrigation system without a license. This measure begs the question, "What is the desperate need for this new criminal offense?" Legislators should avoid the temptation to regulate professions as the benefits are questionable, and the primary demand for regulation usually comes from rent seekers within the profession and who wish to create barriers to entry to decrease competition and drive up prices.

30. HB 1942

Passage; May 23, 2011; Journal Page 3056: 27 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 1942 expanded requirements on schools regarding anti-bullying programs. YCT is skeptical of "anti-bullying" efforts because they are often hijacked to focus on activity which occurs outside of school or on the internet, which is the responsibility of parents, and can be used easily to stifle student speech. Schools already have the tools available to address abusive and disruptive behavior at school and are free to create programs to meet whatever problems they may be facing.

31. HB 3722

Passage; May 23, 2011; Journal Page 3057: 26 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 3722 allows the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to charge an unlimited service fee for the provision of its boater education course, which, after the passage of HB 1395, is now mandatory in order for many Texans to legally operate a boat. YCT opposes any measure which takes the power over fees out of the hands of the elected legislature and places it in the hands of unelected bureaucrats. Furthermore, taken in conjunction with HB 1395, this measure creates serious barriers to enjoyment of boating by all Texans.

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32. HB 1451 Floor Amendment 3

Motion to Table; May 23, 2011; Journal Page 3127: 17 Yeas, 14 Nays

YCT Nay on Motion to Table. HB 1451 created new licensing requirements and regulations on dog and cat breeders. Floor amendment 3 would have allowed breeders to provide veterinary care as needed to maintain the good health of each animal, rather than requiring them to provide at least one annual veterinary examination. YCT opposes unnecessary licensing and regulation and encourages any opportunity to ease existing regulations. Animal breeders have a property interest in maintaining the health of their animals and should be trusted to provide adequate care, as it is needed to maintain good health. Furthermore, many regulations, such as this annual visit requirement, appear to exist not for their stated goal of ensuring good health among animals, but rather to ensure a steady flow of business to favored industries, such as veterinarians.

33. HB 1451

Passage; May 23, 2011; Journal Page 3128: 22 Yeas, 9 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 1451 created new licensing requirements and regulations on dog and cat breeders. These regulations, officially aimed at “puppy mills”, will impose many burdensome and costly regulations on private pet owners who simply have a moderate number of dogs or cats. YCT opposes unnecessary regulations as they often do not prove to be as successful at combating the perceived evils at which they are targeted, and in this case, they risk making criminals of well-meaning citizens.

34. HB 2449

Passage; May 24, 2011; Journal Page 3390: 28 Yeas, 3 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 2449 changed existing law to enable the effective prosecution of mail-in-ballot fraud. YCT believes that it is essential that we secure our elections against fraud.

35. HB 12

Motion to Suspend Regular Order; May 24, 2011; Journal Page 3515: 19 Yeas, 12 Nays

YCT Yea. HB 12 would have banned cities from establishing “sanctuary city” policies or from prohibiting the sharing of information regarding immigration statuses between federal and local authorities. Illegal immigration is a serious problem and must be addressed. One of the first steps in tackling this serious problem is eliminating misguided local policies which perpetuate it.

36. HB 2997

Passage; May 25, 2011; Journal Page 3615: 25 Yeas, 5 Nays

YCT Nay. HB 2997, which was vetoed by the Governor, would have created and funded an “urban farming” pilot program to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. YCT is skeptical that successful “urban farming” of legal crops can exist, and we are confident that government cannot and should not play a part in promoting it.

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37. HB 242 Floor Amendment 3

*Motion to Table; May 25, 2011; Journal Page 3725: 10
Yeas, 19 Nays*

YCT Yea. Floor Amendment 3 to HB 242, which was vetoed by the Governor, would have made it a criminal offense to read, write, or send text messages while driving. While YCT acknowledges that texting while driving is unsafe and discourages the practice, the answer to this problem does not demand another criminal offense which will just be used and abused by law enforcement to bring in money through fines.

38. SB 29 (Special Session)

*Passage to Engrossment; June 27, 2011; Journal Page
1406: 19 Yeas, 11 Nays*

YCT Yea. HB 29 would have criminalized the TSA's current "enhanced" pat down procedures. YCT believes there is absolutely no justification for the current policies of the TSA which submit our mothers, daughters, and wives to invasive touching which, if it occurred in any other environment, would be prosecuted as sexual harassment. The current policies of the TSA are nonsensical and wrong, and should be eliminated to ensure the privacy rights of Texans and our freedom to travel.

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