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A Guest Article from HD17 Candidate:

## Tom Glass

### 1. RPT Legislative Priorities Results

June 5, 2025

This is my personal assessment / report on the successes and failures of the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities in the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, chosen by the delegates to the RPT 2024 State Convention.

While I testified at the Legislative Priorities Committee meeting at the RPT State Convention and I served as a volunteer on two of the Priority Committees, this is not an official statement of the RPT. It is purely my own.

#### High Level Summary:

**No Democrat Chairs – FAIL**

**Border Enforcement – FAIL**

**End Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying – FAIL**

**Secure Texas Elections – 10%**

**End Federal Overreach – 30%**

**Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids – 45%**

**Secure the Electric Grid – 67%**

**Texas is Not for Sale – SUCCESS**

**No Democrat Chairs - FAIL**

**The Republican-controlled Texas Legislature shall end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats and require all committees to be majority Republican.**

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# Wood County Republican Party

## July Calendar of Events

		<a href="#">Texas Nationalist Movement</a> 1 <a href="#">Mineola LoA Writers Guild</a> Toastmasters Mineola Civic Center 7-9am	2	<a href="#">Lindale Republican Club</a> 3 NO meeting this month	4 <i>Independence Day!!!</i> <a href="#">Fireworks Schedule</a>	5
6	7	<a href="#">Grassroots America</a> 8 Emory City Council 7p  Commissioners Court 9am WC Courthouse	9	10	11	12
				<a href="#">MFD Rodeo</a>	<a href="#">MFD Rodeo</a>	<a href="#">MFD Rodeo</a>
13	<a href="#">Holly Lake/Hawkins Republican Club</a> 14 Winnsboro City Council 5:30p Whyte Dove Writer's Group 6p Quitman Library	<a href="#">Rains County Republican Assembly</a> 15  Toastmasters Mineola Civic Center 7-9am	16 Wood County Republican Party CEC Meeting 1 1:30am Anconna Restaurant, Quitman	17 Quitman City Council 6-7pm	18 <a href="#">Mineola Homeschool Heros at the Library</a> 10am	19
20	<a href="#">Republican Women of Wood County</a> 21	<a href="#">Lake Country Republican Club</a> 22  Commissioners Court 9am WC Courthouse	23	24	25	26
					Hawkins City Council 6P	
27	Mineola City Council 5:30pm 28	29	30	31		
				Rains Co CEC 6p House of Prayer		
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# Wood County Republican Party

## August Calendar of Events

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3	4	<p><a href="#">Texas Nationalist Movement</a></p> <p>Emory City Council 7p</p> <p>Commissioners Court 9am WC Courthouse</p>	5	6	<p><a href="#">Lindale Republican Club</a></p>	7 8 9
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# Clubs and Activities

## RWWC (Republican Women of Wood County a TFRW affiliate)

Meetings: Third Monday each month 11:30AM  
Mineola Civic Center 1150 N. Newsom St.

Contacts: Diane Jones (817) 905-0631

Website: [Republican Women of Wood County – A Political Action Committee](#)

FaceBook: [Republican Women of Wood County](#)

July Program:  
Bryan Hughes  
State Senator

## Holly Lake-Hawkins Republican Club

Meetings: Second Monday each month 6:30PM

Holly Tree Bible Church

1620 FM 2869 Hawkins, TX 75765

Contacts: Kim McGarity 1 (972) 834-7268

Website: [Holly Lake Hawkins Republican Club](#)

FaceBook: [Holly Lake Hawkins Republican Club FB](#)

July Program:  
Bryan Hughes  
State Senator

## Lake Country Republican Club

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday each month 6PM

Anconna Italian Restaurant

1067A SH-37 South of Quitman

Contacts: Melaney Munday (903) 975 0700

FaceBook: [Lake Country Republican Club | Facebook](#)

July Program:  
Chase Glover  
Pct. 4 Constable

## Lindale Republican Club

Meetings: First Thursday each month 6:PM

Brisket Love 15338 FM 849, Lindale, Texas

Contacts: Keith Lory (214) 938-9355

FaceBook: [Lindale Republican Club FB](#)

July Program:  
NO Meeting this month  
Happy Fourth of July!!!!

## Rains County Republican Assembly

Meetings: Third Tuesday each month 6PM

Roma's Italian Restaurant 276 at 47 NE of Emory

Contacts: Angela Breikreutz (214) 478-3744

Website: [Rains County Republican Assembly](#)

FaceBook: [RCRA on FB](#)

July Program:  
U.S. Constitution Study  
[Brightcross](#)

## Grassroots America/We the People (GAWTP)

Meetings: Second Tuesday each month 5:15PM

Holiday Inn, Conference Center

5701 S. Broadway, Tyler Texas

Contact: Brett Rogers (832) 226-5300

Website: [Grassroots America](#)

FaceBook: [Grassroots America FB](#)

July Program:  
TBD

## Texas Nationalist Movement

Meetings: First Tuesday each month 6PM

Texas Music City Grill 5424 Old

Jackson Hwy, Tyler Texas

Contacts: [David Monson](#) (443) 252-1855

Website: [Texas Nationalist Movement](#)

Events: [TNM Events](#)

FAQs: [Texit](#)

## Rains County CEC

Meets quarterly in 2025 Starting January  
House of Prayer 1382 FM 515

Emory, TX 75440

Contact: Lisa Kruger (972) 754-5327

[Rainsrepublicanchair@gmail.com](mailto:Rainsrepublicanchair@gmail.com)



# What's Up - Happenings in Wood County and surrounding areas you may not want to miss!

[Alba](#)

[Alba FB](#)

Golden

[Hawkins](#)

[Hawkins FB](#)

[Lake Hawkins Fireworks](#)

[Mineola](#)

[Mineola FB](#)

Farmers Market Saturdays, 9am to 1pm 101 Front St.

Mini Train Rides - Iron Horse Square 200 Front St [See Schedule](#)

[Mineola Farmer's Market](#)

**Mineola Civic Center:**

[Mineola Civic Center Fireworks](#)

[Quitman](#)

[Quitman FB](#)

Farmers Market Saturdays, 400 E. Goode 9a-1p

City Pool open noon to 6pm. \$5 per person.

CR3100 East of town north of SH154. [Quitman City Pool](#)

[Quitman Farmers Market](#)

[Winnsboro](#)

[Winnsboro FB](#)

[Winnsboro Center for the Arts](#)

[Winnsboro Farmers Market](#)

City Pool open noon to 6pm. \$5 per person. Closed Sundays & Mondays

[Winnsboro City Pool](#)

[Lake Winnsboro Fireworks](#)

[Emory](#)

City Council 5-12-25, 7p

[Wood County](#)





# Election Watch:

Next Election:

Date November 4, 2025 (Texas Constitutional Amendments)

[Summaries](#)

[Some Analysis](#)

Next General Election:

Date: November 3, 2026

Registration:

Check your registration: [By Name and DoB](#)

You can register online: <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html>

You can register At the Elections Administration Office:

WOOD COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING

200 W BERMUDA ST.

QUITMAN, TX 75783

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# Wood County Government

<https://www.mywoodcounty.com/>



## Elected Offices:

County Sheriff : Kelly Cole [Information and Contact](#)

County Judge: Kevin White [Information and Contact](#)

County Commissioners [Information and Contact](#)

Precinct 1: Justin Bowring

Precinct 2: Jerry Gaskill

Precinct 3: Mike Simmons

Precinct 4: Russell Acker

District Attorney: Angela Albers [Information and Contact](#)

County Clerk: Kelley Price [Information](#)

County Treasurer: Daphne Carter [Information](#)

Tax Assessor Collector: Angie Luman [Information](#)

## Constables

Precinct 1: Robert Holland [Information](#)

Precinct 2: Bobby Tucker [Information](#)

Precinct 3: John McQueen [Information](#)

Precinct 4: Chase Glover [Information](#)

## Justice of the Peace

Precinct 1: Tony Gilbreath [Information](#)

Precinct 2: Janae Holland [Information](#)

Precinct 3: Jerry Parker [Information](#)

Precinct 4: Jody Hettich [Information](#)

## State of Texas, Representative Elected Offices

[Governor](#) ❖ Greg Abbott ❖ [Contact](#)

[Secretary of State](#) ❖ Jane Nelson ❖ [Contact](#)

[State Senator SD1](#) Bryan Hughes

[District Representative HD5](#) Cole Hefner

## United States, Representative Elective Offices

President: [Donald Trump](#)

Senators: Ted Cruz

[Senate Website](#)

John Cornyn

[Senate Website](#)

Fifth Congressional District Representative **Lance Gooden**

[Congressional Website](#)



# Rains County Government

<https://www.co.rains.tx.us/>



## Elected Offices:

County Sheriff : [Michael Hopkins](#)

County Judge: [Linda Wallace](#)

County [Commissioners Court](#)

Precinct 1: Jeremy Cook

Precinct 2: Mike Willis

Precinct 3: Korey Young

Precinct 4: Lori Northcutt

District Attorney: [Robert Vititow](#)

County Clerk: [Mandy Sawyer](#)

County Treasurer: [Teresa Northcutt](#)

Tax Assessor Collector: [Sheila Floyd](#)

Constable: [Allen Davis](#)

Justice of the Peace : [R Jenkins Franklin](#)

## State of Texas, Representative Elected Offices

[Governor](#) ❖ Greg Abbott ❖ [Contact](#)

[Secretary of State](#) ❖ Jane Nelson ❖ [Contact](#)

[State Senator SD8](#) Angela Paxton

[District Representative HD5](#) Cole Hefner

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President: [Donald Trump](#)

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[Senate Website](#)

John Cornyn

[Senate Website](#)

Fourth Congressional District Representative **Pat Fallon**

[Congressional Website](#)





# Conservative Commentators:

On these 2 pages you will find the luminaries of conservative thought. Some of the Sentinel's favorite commentators are more than just political animals; they cover social and cultural issues as well. You may be familiar with most of them, but you might also find a new favorite. Here we provide you with links to their many articles and video clips from Youtube, Facebook and numerous other platforms. Remember, in Facebook, check out the "Reels." Radio call-outs on cards are local.



**Dennis Prager**  
Salem Radio  
660AM  
Noon to 2pm  
[Dennis on Youtube](#)  
[Prager U](#)  
[Podcasts](#)  
[Facebook](#)



**Mark Levin**  
Author  
Radio Host  
820AM 5-8pm  
[Podcasts](#)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



**Tucker Carlson**  
Author  
Commentator  
Podcaster  
[Facebook](#)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Podcast](#)



**Charlie Kirk**  
Salem Radio  
660AM  
2pm to 4pm  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)  
[Turning Point USA](#)



**JoAnn Fleming**  
Executive Director:  
Grassroots  
America/We the  
People (Gawtp)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Grassroots America](#)  
[Grassroots Priorities](#)



**Dan Bongino**  
Author ,  
sometimes Radio  
host, Commentator  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



**Brigitte Gabriel**  
Author,  
Commentator  
[Act for America](#)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



**Dinesh D'Souza**  
Film Maker,  
Author  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



## Conservative Commentators continued:



Ben Shapiro  
Radio Host  
570AM  
2-4pm

[Youtube](#)  
[Daily Wire](#)  
[Facebook](#)



Jordan Peterson  
Canadian  
Psychologist,  
Motivational  
Speaker

[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



KrisAnne Hall  
Author, Speaker

[Youtube](#)  
[Website](#)  
[Facebook](#)



Thomas Sowell  
American  
Economist  
Author

[Youtube](#)  
[Website](#)



Luke Macias  
Author,  
Political  
Consultant

[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



Candace Owens  
Commentator,  
Author

[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



Glenn Beck  
Author  
Radio Host  
600AM 8 to 11am

[Youtube](#)  
[The Blaze](#)  
[Facebook](#)



Sean Hannity  
Radio Host  
600AM

[Website](#)  
[Youtube](#)  
[Facebook](#)



## Conservative Publications and Branded Content:

On this page you will find links to branded conservative content delivered in various media formats. You will find written articles, video clips, YouTube, Facebook and other links. Most are identified with a known conservative activist and a short bio is provided for each.

### [The Epoch Times](#) (since 2003)

Is a large weekly paper and ink publication and a product of John Tang and other Chinese Americans associated with Falun Gong, a thorn in the side of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party). A subscription to Epoch Times will also get content sent to your email. Click the link to sample recent articles.

### [Prager U](#) (since 2009)

Founded by radio talk show host and author, Dennis Prager, Prager U provides 5 minute educational video clips on a variety of issues from guest presenters familiar with the topic. The audience is both youthful and international. To get started, click the link.



### [The Blaze](#) (since 2012)

The Blaze has had several iterations since its founding by talk show host and author, Glen Beck. Today it is a multimedia platform with print, radio, subscription TV and more. Check out the Blaze by clicking the link.



### [Townhall](#) (since 1995)

A product of heritage Foundation and one of the first conservative internet communities, Townhall was acquired by Salem Communications in 2006. Edited by Katie Pavlich, Townhall is a multimedia platform featuring videos, articles and even cartoons. Yes, conservatives have a sense of humor. Check out the link.



### [Texas Scorecard](#) (Since 2020)

A print and online publication published by Michael Quinn Sullivan, formerly CEO of Empower Texans. Texas Scorecard ranks, endorses and advocates for conservative Republicans. You'll find video from full length documentaries to short spoofs which will educate and entertain. Just a click away.



### [The Torch](#)

A publication from the [Texas Eagle Forum](#), you can subscribe for a fee but the archives are free. Just click the link and scroll down the page.

### [Imprimis](#) (Since 1972)

You've most likely heard of this publication from Hillsdale College. It's delivered free to your mailbox, but you need to subscribe. Just click the link and fill out a short form.

### [The Daily Signal](#) (Since 2014)

A publication from Heritage Foundation, you can subscribe for free and content will be delivered to your email or you can view it at your leisure by clicking the link.





## Conservative Organizations:

[PragerU](#) - The brain child of talk-show host Dennis Prager, PragerU consists of video clips (about 5 minutes each) on various topics. If you give PragerU five minutes, it will give you an education.

[Act for America](#) - Founded by Lebanese born Christian, Brigitte Gabriel, on the ashes of 9-11, Act's main focus is national security and the threat of radical Islam.

[Grassroots America](#) - Is Texas based and local, meeting monthly in Tyler, Texas. (see [calendar](#) and [organizations](#)) Founded by Constitutional Conservative JoAnn Fleming, their mission statement is to, "Advance the cause of liberty." Well worth the drive.

[Texas Nationalist Movement](#) - Founded by Daniel Miller, TNM is a secessionist movement taking authority from the Texas State Constitution Article 1 sec 1 & 2. Interested? The local chapter meets in Lindale. (see [calendar](#) and [organizations](#))

[ACLJ](#) - American Center for Law and Justice - Founded by evangelical minister, Pat Robertson and led by Chief Council Jay Sekulow, ACLJ's mission it to protect religious liberty as provided for by the First Amendment.

[Alliance Defending Freedom](#) - is a legal advocacy group seeking to promote religious liberty in the public domain.

[Texas Eagle Forum](#) - is a decidedly Texas spin-off from Phyllis Schlafly's original Eagle Forum. The focus is on inside Texas politics from candidates to convention. You will find numerous "Hot Topics" relating to concerns in the lone star state.

[Homeschool Legal Defense Association](#) - More than just legal support, HSLDA will help get you started on your homeschooling journey with numerous resources found on their website. If you do get pushback from your local or State government, HSLDA will hook you up with a local attorney experienced in this field and may even help with fees.

[Judicial Watch](#) - shedding light on corruption and malfeasance since 1994. Headed by Tom Fitton since 2003, Judicial Watch covers the issues we all care about.

[The Heritage Foundation](#) - more than just a place to get inexpensive pocket Constitutions in bulk, the Heritage Foundation is a think tank developing policies and strategies to advance conservative ideals.

[Freedomworks](#) - a national grassroots activist organization. Interested in getting involved? Check out the link.

[Daily Wire](#) - a multimedia outlet from Ben Shapiro known for their Facebook content. You will find many favorites from Jordan Peterson to Dennis Prager on this site. Content includes videos, podcasts, articles and more.

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## Conservative Organizations continued:

[Condemned USA](#) - a January 6 advocacy group founded by Treniss Evans. On this website read Treniss's story, view the extensive video footage from January 6, get involved. What happens to J6ers going forward is our future, yours and mine. Be the author or the victim.

[True Texas Project](#) - a Constitutionally grounded conservative Christian advocacy group. Best characterized by this statement from their own hand-out: "I am **A TRUE TEXAN**. I am A LEGENDARY BREED. I am PART OF A MOVEMENT. I BELIEVE IN FREEDOM AT ALL **COSTS**. I am AN ACTIVIST, NOT AN OBSERVER. I am **UNSTOPPABLE**. **COME AND TAKE IT.**" I think this sums it up. If you wish to get active and not sit on the sidelines, click the link.

[True the Vote](#) - a cause near and dear to the Sentinel's heart, TTV is a voting integrity advocacy group active across the state. Not only advocating for hand-marked, pre-printed, serialized paper ballots, but also involved in educating citizens about pernicious software. Join their podcasts [here](#).

[Turning Point](#) - Focused on youth and taking back America's campuses. There are chapters across the country. If you have children or grandchildren going off to college, this is the best way to protect your investment from assaults from the left.

[Cpac](#) - Certainly one of the oldest conservative groups. We have all watched a Cpac convention to see our favorite candidates speak. If a monthly newsletter is not enough, sign up for CPAC's email alerts [here](#).

[Convention of States Action](#) – The largest grassroots activist organization in the country, if not the world. The group promotes to state legislatures in all 50 states to call for a Convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the US Constitution in order to limit the power, money and terms of the federal government. This activist army also gets involved in many other conservative causes around the country.

FYI - [Post Texas State Republican Convention 2024](#), 46 Republican House members signed a letter committed to supporting for Speaker, only candidates who pledge to not appoint Democrats to committee chairmanships. What's missing? Cole Heffner's signature!

Donald Trump, 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, advocates "No Tax on Tips." Many patrons of restaurants, and other establishments where tipping is common, are noting this on their bill in an attempt to educate those who work in the service industry. Texas US Senator, Ted Cruz, has already introduced the legislation. Could this be the tipping point? DJT also advocates for no tax on OT! Could be the next big thing.

If you wish to personally get into the details of Texas politics, the following links may be just the ticket:

[RPT Platform](#)

[Legislative Priorities](#)

[Contract with Texas](#)



## Conservative Contrasts:

[Rules for Radicals by Saul Alinsky PDF](#) — As good conservatives, we must know our enemy and his tactics. This is the long version (pop some corn). Favored by both Hilary Clinton and Barak Obama, this is the playbook of the left. Why the rules of civil society do not apply to them. [In a Nut Shell](#) The Sentinel uses the term “nut” advisedly here.

[Rules for Deplorables](#) - A primer for fighting radical socialism How President Trump, and a well read conservative, turn the rules on the left.

[The Communist Manifesto](#) - The Sentinel wonders how much profit has been generated selling this book. Ironical? Conservatives don't have a manifesto - its not what we are about. What we have are PRINCIPLES. Principles as detailed in several books and documents.

[The Law](#) — Written in 1850 by Frederic Bastiat in response to the European Marxist movement. His focus, like the American founding, is on the preservation of God-given rights of Life, Liberty and Property. If you have any misunderstanding of individual liberty as given through God's Grace, this will clear it up for you. And you will understand that the only role of “Government” is to resolve conflict between individuals when these three are contested.

Clipped from Social Media:

**Iran's nuclear  
sites just changed  
their pronouns to  
was/were**



## Conservative Classics:

**Milton Friedman:** American Economist 7/31/1912 – 11/16/2006 Chicago School of Economics UC. Author and star of “Free to Choose.”

[Free to Choose TV Series](#)

[Milton Friedman on Youtube](#)

**Rush Limbaugh:** American author and Talk Show host in the ‘80’s and 90’s. Founder of the Excellence in Broadcasting (EIB) Network.

[Rush Limbaugh Youtube Archives](#)

**Ronald Reagan:** 40th President of the United States. Ushered in the Conservative movement delivering the Speech for Barry Goldwater.

[The Speech - A Time for Choosing](#)

[Ronald Reagan Speeches archived on Youtube](#)

**William F. Buckley:** Host of PBS series “Firing Line” for 33 years. Founder and Editor in Chief of the National Review magazine. Instrumental in founding Young Americans for Freedom (YAF).

[William F. Buckley Youtube Archives](#)

[National Review](#)

[Young Americans for Freedom](#)

Clipped from Social Media:

**Rumor is Trump is  
Building a golf course in  
IRAN**

**He already has the first 3  
holes done!**



# Sentinel Library

The Sentinel editorial staff may not agree with every point made in the following literary works. However, for conservatives, true diversity is expressed as diversity of thought, not that of gender identity, race or color. What we do agree on is that you will find true wisdom in the works of these varied authors.

## Recommended Books:

### **Geneva Bible** Recorded by numerous authors

The unerring word of God, you will not find significant textual differences in this and the Bible you may take to church. However, the notes in the margins were the reason for persecution of Christians leading up to the colonization of the Western world. Simple possession of a Geneva Bible was a capital offence. The notes record the scriptural imperative of liberty or “free will” as the Bible refers to it. This is the Bible the Pilgrims brought to our shores. You will find an education in it. Rare and difficult to find, however the [Kindle Version](#) with the marginal notes is readily available and inexpensive. Expensive hard copy \$\$\$

### **The Declaration of Independence** a statement of principle. [Available Online](#)

### **The Wealth of Nations** *Adam Smith*

Foundational work on the Capitalist economic system. [Available Online](#)

### **The U.S. Constitution.** [Full Text + Amendments PDF](#) [Purchase a Pocket Constitution](#) or [On Your iPhone/iPad](#)

### **The Federalist** (Federalist Papers) Several of the Founders

Edited by Robert Scigliano

Articles written by Hamilton, Jay, and Madison, printed by local papers of the day and arguing for the ratification of the US Constitution.

[Available Online](#) or [On Your iPhone/iPad](#)

### **Free to Choose** *Milton Friedman*

Modern Capitalist economist explains how the Capitalist system benefits all who participate in it. [Available Online](#)

### **Wild Swans** *Jung Chang*

Without judgment, Wild Swans (a true story) catalogs the horrors which befell three generations of women starting with the ouster of General Chiang Kai-shek from mainland China - the cultural revolution - and “modern” China. It is a cautionary tale and a must read. Even in the Braille edition one can not help but see parallels to headlines in US newspapers today. [Available Online](#)



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## Sentinel Library - continued:

### **10 Books Every Conservative Must Read: Plus Four Not to Miss and One Impostor** *Benjamin Wiker*

Just read this one, and you will then know the next 15 on our list. [Available Online](#)

### **The Road to Serfdom** *Friedrich A. Hayek*

Originally printed in 1944, Hayek deftly exposes the lie of socialism in this literary classic. [Available Online](#)

### **Signing Their Lives Away** *Denise Kiernan & Joseph D'Agnese*

The story of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, what they risked and how it turned out for them. [Available Online](#)

### **The Gulag Archipelago** Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

An educational but disturbing account of political oppression and human rights violations in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Could not fit it into one book - a three volume set. [Available Online](#)

### **Liberal Fascism** *Jonah Goldberg*

The fraud of the compassionate leftist is revealed in this enlightened expose'. Very educational. [Available Online](#)

### **Liberty and Tyranny** *Mark Levin*

Released shortly after Obama moved into the White House, Liberty and Tyranny was a wake-up call to conservatives for the fight ahead. [Available Online](#)

### **The Law** *Frederic Bastiat*

The clearest and most logically founded explanation of the proper role of the law (government) in society. [Available Online](#)

### **The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrates** *Matthew J. Trehella*

"A proper resistance to tyranny and a repudiation of unlimited obedience to civil government." [Available Online](#)

### **Democracy In America** *Alexis De Tocqueville*

The definitive dissertation on the U.S. form government by observation written shortly after its founding. [Available Online](#)

### **The 5000 Year Leap** *W. Cleon Skousen*

The twenty-eight principles that are changing the world. [Available Online](#)



## Sentinel Library - continued:

### **The Adams-Jefferson Letters** *John Adams & Thomas Jefferson*

A compilation. Interestingly enough, both men died on July 4, 1826, our nation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, just hours apart. [Available Online](#)

### **My Dearest Friend** *Abigail and John Adams*

A personal peek into America's beginnings. [Available Online](#)

### **The Goal is to Win** *Brett Rogers*

A must read guide for candidates, activists and voters. [Available Here](#)

Clipped from Social Media:



# Navigating the Sentinel:

It is the mission of the Sentinel to be a single, reliable resource for all things conservative in Wood County and the surrounding area.

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**Comments:** I always considered this priority to be one aimed at reforming the Texas House rules and culture to be more decentralized member driven serving voters and the principles and priorities of the RPT rather than centralized speaker driven serving the special interests and beholden to the Democrats.

The implementation of this priority centered around the commitment of the speaker candidates to this reform and a broader set of decentralizing reforms and the House Rules implementing them.

The speaker candidate that refused to pledge to reform or even the RPT platform call for choosing a speaker within the Republican Caucus won with a minority of Republicans and a larger number of Democrats.

Then the Rules package that was introduced created Rule-created subcommittees which allowed Democrat chairs and resulted in half being chaired by Democrats. The Rules also allowed Chairs to create their own subcommittees and notably Appropriations Chair Greg Bonnen made half of his subcommittee chairs Democrat.

Because the Rules package provided for high level committees to be chaired by Republicans, the Speaker team and his members spun the rules as meeting this RPT priority. But because of the mandatory creation of all Vice Chairs as Democrats while increasing power and funding for those Democrats and because of subcommittee Democrat chairs, the SREC (State Republican Executive Committee) soundly rejected that claim, stating in a resolution that this priority was definitely NOT fulfilled.

#### **Border Enforcement - FAIL**

**To repel invasion and deter illegal immigration:**

**Creating a Texas Department of Homeland Security to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin. FAIL**

**Prohibiting, with mandatory fines and jail time, individuals, corporations, non-profits, governments, and social media entities from assisting or inciting illegal entry. FAIL**

**Requiring the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas with significant penalties for business owners who violate this requirement. FAIL**

**Ending all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens, except for emergency medical care. FAIL**

**Comments:** While the subcommittee added a bail reform amendment that passed to the list of endorsed bills in this category, I personally think that was a stretch. Not a single border related bill that the RPT endorsed passed this session. State Senator Tan Parker passed a bill (SB 36) that creates a Texas Department of Homeland Security, but it is not focused on preventing illegal entry and trafficking and deportation. Rather it is an intelligence and coordination operation. While a step in the right direction, the subcommittee decided that it did not meet the criteria of the priority.

**Bail Reform including for Human Trafficking Offenses – (SJR 5 Joan Huffman / John Smithee) – Passed.**

**DEAD**

**End Taxpayer Services for Illegals – (HB 4745 Mike Olcott) Never heard in House State Affairs.**

**Generic End Taxpayer Services for Illegals (except schools) – (HB 5602 Ellen Troxclair) – Never heard in House State Affairs.**

**Reorganize State Guard including Border Defense – (HB 4914 Andy Hopper) Apr 30 heard in House State Affairs. But no vote in House State Affairs.**

**Border Protection Unit – (HB 354 Briscoe Cain) Never heard in House State Affairs.**



**E-Verify for All – (HB 1308 Carl Tepper) Never heard in House State Affairs.**

**E-Verify for All – (SB 324 Lois Kolkhorst / HB 3210 Mike Olcott ) Apr 30 SB 324 Passed Senate. DEAD due to no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**End In-State Tuition for Illegals – (SB 1798 Mayes Middleton) May 21 Passed Senate. Arrived in House State Affairs on May 23. DEAD due to late arrival from Senate and no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**DPS Can Detect, Deter, Repel, and Prosecute Illegals During Invasion – (SB 81 Bob Hall) DEAD. Never heard in Senate Border Security.**

**Texas Division of Homeland Security – (SB 135 Bob Hall) DEAD. Never heard in Senate Border Enforcement.**

**End Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying - FAIL**

**Prohibiting all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying, including the use of tax dollars to hire lobbyists and payment of tax dollars to associations that lobby the Legislature.**

**Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying – (SB 19 Mayes Middleton / HB 4860 Jared Patterson) Mar 19 passed Senate in watered down bill. Mar 25 referred to House State Affairs. DEAD due to no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**Comments:** The fact that the tax-funded lobbyists were able to water down the bill in the Senate and completely stop it in House State Affairs, one of the most lobbied committees in the Texas House is proof of the importance of the passage of this priority. There is a chicken and egg circularity here, but it looks like it will require enough legislators committed to the RPT priorities to change the culture of the legislature before we can get this priority passed in the future.

**Secure Texas Elections – FAIL ONLY 10% SUCCESS**

**Securing elections from each citizen's registration to the final count of legal votes by:**

**Requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote. FAIL**

**Requiring the Counties and the Secretary of State to update the voter rolls at least quarterly. Partial 3 bills out of 5.**

**Requiring a mandatory photo ID for every election, without exception. FAIL**

**Restricting mail-in ballots to disabled, military, and eligible citizens who are out of their county for the entire voting period. FAIL**

**Using only hand-marked, sequentially numbered paper ballots on anti-counterfeiting paper that are signed on the back by the election official at the voting location. FAIL**

**Standardizing in-person voting, with early voting limited to a period of no longer than nine (9) days, no gap before Election Day, and assigned-precinct voting locations only. PARTIAL**

**Counting ballots in precinct using a dumb-scanner method as soon as the ballot is returned by the voter and with publication of the results prior to submission to the County. FAIL**

**Closing party primaries for only registered Republicans. FAIL**

**Explicitly codifying the ability of the Attorney General to prosecute violations of the Election Code. FAIL**

**Removing existing Secretary of State waivers to comply with current Election Code. FAIL**

**Comments:** The resistance to passage of election integrity bills by Uniparty House leadership is probably the most visible payoff this session to the Democrats for their support of the Burrows speakership. This failure primarily on the part of the Texas House leadership is the most glaring disconnect between the Austin swamp and the grassroots and rank and file voters. The fact that we can't even pass a bill requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote this session in Texas is proof of out of step the Texas House leadership is with MAGA.





## Proof of Citizenship to Register to Vote

Proof of Citizenship to Register to Vote – (SB 16 Bryan Hughes / HB 5337 Carrie Isaac) Apr 1 – Passed Senate! May 12 Substituted bill in Calendars. **DEAD due to slow walk by Matt Shaheen's House Elections.**

NOT ELIBIBLE TO VOTE on Non-Citizen IDs – (SB 964 Bryan Hughes) Apr 24 – Passed Senate! May 12 in Calendars. **DEAD due to slow walk by Matt Shaheen's House Elections.**

Constitutional Amendment Clarifying That Voter Must Be Citizen – (SJR 37 Brian Birdwell / HJR 161 Candy Noble) **Apr 1 Passed Senate! May 12 Passed House! May 15 Filed with Secretary of State, on the way to the voters in November!**

## Voter Roll Cleanup

Notification to Other States of New Voters on Texas Rolls – (SB 1862 Bryan Hughes) **June 1 Sent to Governor!**

DPS Share Data for Voter Roll Integrity – (SB 1470 Bryan Hughes) May 27 Sent to Governor!

Requirements for Voter Registrar to Comply With Law – (SB 510 Paul Bettencourt / HB 1478 Briscoe Cain) **June 1 Sent to Governor!**

Required Verification of Anomalies Every Two Year – (SB 396 Lois Kolkhorst / HB 2272 Matt Morgan / HB 4253 Stan Gerdes) Apr 1 – Passed Senate! May 5 SB 396 and HB 4253 in Calendars. **DEAD in House Calendars.**

Challenges To Voter Registrations From Known Reliable Source – (SB 2681 Paul Bettencourt / HB 5362 Mano DeAyala) May 8 SB 2681 Passed Senate! May 20 SB 2681 Passed out of House Elections. **DEAD by being placed on House Calendar too late.**

## Standardizing In-Person Voting with Early Voting

Standardizing In-Person Voting, with Early Voting – (SB 2753 Bob Hall) **June 3 Sent to Governor!**

Explicitly codifying the ability of the Attorney General to prosecute violations of the Election Code

AG Prosecute Election Law After 6 Month Inactivity by DA – (HB 5138 Matt Shaheen / SB 1206 Bryan Hughes) **DEAD due to House conferee intransigence (Geren, Darby, Bucy, Turner, Shaheen).**

## Removing existing Secretary of State waivers to comply with current Election Code

Unlawfully Altering Election Procedure -- (SB 618 Kevin Sparks / HB 2773 Jeff Leach) **DEAD after passing Senate, but being placed on the House calendar too late. It was heard right after midnight on May 27 and killed on a POO as too late.**

## Miscellaneous

Insure that Election Supplies Are Available -- (HB 1661 Cody Vasut / SB 507 Paul Bettencourt) **May 28 HB 1661 Sent to Governor!**

Increased Testing of Electronic Voting Equipment -- (SB 2166 Tan Parker / House Sponsor Matt Shaheen) **May 27 Sent to Governor!**

Consolidated Precincts -- (SB 985 Paul Bettencourt / HB 342 Richard Hayes) **May 24 Signed by Governor!**

Right to Request Explanation for Irregularities -- (SB 505 Paul Bettencourt / HB 3491 Steve Toth) Apr 16 – SB 505 Passed Senate! **DEAD May 27 House substitute was objected to by Talirico POO on sub not being germane. Swanson killed bill by postponing beyond end of session.**





**End Federal Overreach - 30% Success**

**Resisting unconstitutional federal acts and mandates that restrict transportation, including mandatory kill switches in vehicles, road diets, and restrictions on the owner’s right to repair vehicles and equipment. Ensuring that Texans have medical freedom and can give or withhold consent for any vaccine or medical treatment without coercion, are not discriminated against based on vaccine status, and are not faced with any vaccine or medical mandate by public or private entities.**

**Comments:** I served on the subcommittee selecting the bills to endorse, and I can say that this priority was difficult to navigate because it added freedom to travel and medical freedom into the pushing back on feds mix. We decided to separate the priority into three subcategories with different members of the team providing subject matter expertise. With my Texas Constitutional Enforcement background, I contributed most to the resisting the feds section.

Each of the subcategories has their own challenges. The hardest to pass is Freedom to Travel. Most of the bills end up in establishment/swap oriented Transportation committees in both chambers. The leadership of those committees care very little about RPT priorities or grassroots arguments. And only one of the endorsed eight bills passed. Sadly, the federally mandated kill switches that will install cameras and other sensors in vehicles starting in the 2026 model year is going to shock a lot of Texans when they arrive. These warnings by the grassroots, especially Terri Hall have gone on deaf ears in the Texas legislature and the governor’s office when we asked for a special session in 2023 to try to stop them.

Medical freedom bills give the progressive Dem true-believers a chance to chub while opining and virtue signaling about how good they are because they want to force others to take the vaccines and medicine they want to push on us. And we had a Burrows appointed chair of House Public Health who is hostile to medical freedom this session.

On the push back on DC front, we smoked out some hard core federal and judicial supremacists in the Republican ranks of the Senate this session, especially with the Texas Sovereignty Act. That would not have happened had the Burrows team been looking for ways to demonstrate that they are not all bad by passing selected RPT priority bills. I am convinced that the RPT backing for ending federal overreach led to House passage of several of the bills this session for the first time, especially the Texas Sovereignty Act.

**Bills Resisting Unconstitutional Federal Acts (4 out of 14 Bills)**

**Anti-Red Flag Act** – Criminal penalty for any “person” attempting to serve a extreme risk protective (red flag) order in Texas (RPT Platform Plank 19 b) **(SB 1362 Bryan Hughes House sponsor Cole Hefner / HB 162 Briscoe Cain). June 1 SB 1362 Sent to Governor!**

**Disconnects Texas Firearms Law from Feds** – removes prohibition of short barrel rifles from Texas law. (RPT Plank 19) **(HB 259 Richard Hayes / SB 1596 Brent Hagenbuch) June 1 SB 1596 Sent to Governor!**

**Protect County and District Attorneys From the Feds** – Allows Attorney General to defend county and district attorneys in actions taken against them by the feds for enforcing state law, if the county/district attorneys request. (RPT Platform Planks 5 and 20) **(SB 888 Lois Kolkhorst / HB 2460 Jeff Leach). May 24 SB 888 Signed by Governor!**

**Concurrent Jurisdiction with Texas on Military Installations** – Established process where Texas and subdivisions can exercise jurisdiction on military bases. **(HB 2337 James Frank / SB 1271 Kelly Hancock) May 27 SB 1271 Signed by Governor!**

**DEAD** – the following **RPT End Federal Overreach Priorities** are dead:

**Texas Sovereignty Act** – Joint legislative committee recommends unconstitutional federal acts for declaration by legislature and governor. (RPT Platform Plank 20) **(HB 796 Cecil Bell, SB 80 Bob Hall). May 7 – Passed Texas House! Senate State Affairs, led by Brian Birdwell and significant behind the scenes support from others gutted the Texas Sovereignty Act, falling just third reading short of sending gutted bill to Texas House. DEAD.**



**Don't Mess With Texas Elections** – limits on funding from outside Texas for Texas races. (RPT Platform Plank 202) (*SB 405 Mayes Middleton / HB 3592 Dade Phelan*). May 14 Watered Down HB 3592 Passed House. **DEAD due to lack of hearing and vote out of Senate State Affairs.**

**Protect the Texas National Guard** (RPT Platform Plank 247) (*HB 930 Briscoe Cain*). House Homeland Security Mar 17 hearing. **DEAD due to Cole Hefner refusal to hold vote, despite sufficient votes to pass.**

**Resist FBI Weaponization Against Texans** -- Require feds to get sheriff and AG permission for arrests and searches in county. (RPT Platform Plank 5) (*HB 1982 & HB 3932 Andy Hopper.*) **DEAD due to House State Affairs Ken King refusal to hold hearing.**

**Run Texas Elections Separately from Federal Elections** – (RPT Platform Plank 221 g) (*HB 209 Mike Schofield, SB 106 Bob Hall*). DEAD due to House State Affairs Ken King refusal to hold hearing and lack of hearing in Senate State Affairs.

**Refuse to Cooperate With Federal Health Emergencies** – (*SB 131 Bob Hall*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Senate State Affairs.**

**Protection of Intrastate Firearms Manufacture/Sale** – Exempts most firearms and accessories manufactured and staying in Texas from federal law or regulation. (*SB 130 Bob Hall / HB 1617 Valoree Swanson*). **DEAD – HB 1617 heard but not voted out of Ken King's House State Affairs and due to lack of hearing in Senate State Affairs.**

**Resisting Global Interference** – Denying jurisdiction to World Health Organization, UN, and World Economic Forum in Texas – (RPT Platform Plank 244) (*SB 129 Bob Hall / Charles Schwertner SB 386 / HB 706 Terri Leo Wilson, HB 1377 Wes Virdell, HB 2887 Carrie Isaac*). **None got hearings in Senate and House State Affairs, respectively.**

**Come and Take It** – Add to Texas Bill of Rights: "This state does not recognize any authority purportedly held by the federal government to regulate the manufacture, possession, sale, or use of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition in this state." (RPT Platform Plank 19 a and b) (*HJR 116 Wes Virdell*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Ken King's State Affairs.**

#### **Freedom to Travel (1 out of 8 bills)**

**Right to Repair** – for digital electronic equipment including vehicles (RPT Platform Plank 49) (*HB 2963 Gio Capriglione / SB 2428 Bob Hall / HB 4555 Pat Curry / SB 2748 Bob Hall*) **June 2 HB 2963 Sent to Governor!**

**Right to Drive Act** – Prohibits manufacture and sale of vehicles with installed remote kill switches mandated by federal law starting 2026. Includes addition of right to drive gas-powered vehicles and right to human driving. Planned add of right to repair. (RPT Platform Plank 49) (*SB 381 Mayes Middleton / HB 2547 Briscoe Cain. See also HB 1074 Nate Schatzline*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Robert Nichols' Senate Transportation and Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**Anti-Road Diet** – (*HB 4348 Gio Capriglione / SB 1993 Bob Hall*) **DEAD. HB 4348 died in Calendars. SB 1993 never heard in Robert Nichols' Senate Transportation.**

**Intrastate Shield for Texas Vehicle Manufacture** – Exempts vehicles made in Texas for Texans from federal regulations on kill switches, electric vehicle mandates, mileage standards, etc. (RPT Platform Plank 5) (*HB 1725 Andy Hopper*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Ken King's State Affairs.**

**Toll Collection Reform** – (*HB 1333 Brian Harrison / SB 137 / HB 4907 Ana-Maria Rodriguez Ramos / SB 756 Mayes Middleton*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Ken King's State Affairs.**



**Cessation of Tolls on Toll Projects** – (*HB 2323 Matt Shaheen / SB 2324 Angela Paxton / HB 2948 David Lowe*). **DEAD in Dem Terry Canales House Subcommittee Chair on Transportation Funding. Tom Craddick was Chair of House Transportation and did not elevate it out of the Dem controlled subcommittee. SB 2324 never heard in Robert Nichols' Senate Transportation.**

**Prohibition of Tolls on Highways Subject to Comprehensive Development Agreement Terminated by a Toll Project Entity** – (*HB 2552 – Briscoe Cain*). **DEAD without hearing in Dem Terry Canales House Subcommittee Chair on Transportation Funding.**

**Preemption of Prohibition of Types of Vehicles on Roadways** – (*SB 2238 Paul Bettencourt / HB 4316 Cecil Bell*). **DEAD due to lack of movement by author and Chair of Senate Local Government. Dead in Tom Craddick's House Transportation for lack of hearing.**

### **Medical Freedom (6 out of 15 bills)**

**Liability for Vax Manufacturers Who Advertise in Texas** – (*HB 3441 – Shelley Luther*). **May 30 Sent to Governor!**

**Internet Downloadable School Vax Exemption Forms** – (*HB 1586 – Lacey Hull*). **May 28 Sent to Governor!**

**MAHA Texas** – Comprehensive bill pushing nutrition education, requiring warning labels for food dies, and requiring physical education in schools. (*SB 25 Lois Kolkhorst / HB 25 Lacey Hull*). **June 1 SB 25 Sent to Governor!**

**SNAP Reform** – Limiting junk food for supplemental nutrition assistance program. (*SB 379 Mayes Middleton / HB 5243 Stan Gerdes / HB 4970 Briscoe Cain / HB 3188 Richard Raymond*). **June 3 SB 379 Sent to Governor!**

**Right to Try** – Expands right to try investigational treatments. (*SB 984 Paul Bettencourt / HB 3318 Ken King / HB 975 Brian Harrison*) **May 29 Signed by Governor!**

**Prohibiting Organ Transplant Recipient Discrimination for Vax Status** – (*HB 4076 Jeff Leach*). **May 26 Sent to Governor!**

**Right of Conscience for Health Care Providers** – (*HB 2816 Tom Oliverson*) (House Public Health). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Gary VanDeaver's House Public Health.**

**Informed Consent for Health Care Services** – (*HB 3472 Mike Olcott*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Gary VanDeaver's House Public Health.**

**Fetal Tissue Labeling** – requiring labeling of food, medical products, and cosmetics containing fetal tissue in Texas (RPT Platform Plank 140) (*HB 1304 Andy Hopper*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Gary VanDeaver's House Public Health.**

**Prohibiting Vax Mandates by Private Employers** – (*HB 5622 Cody Vasut*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Angie Chen Button's House Trade, Workforce & Economic Development.**

**Prohibition of Employee Mandate for COVID-19 Revision** – expands prohibition on employer COVID-19 vax mandate to keep the mandate from applying to all persons. (RPT Platform Plank 114) (*HB 383 Brian Harrison*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Angie Chen Button's House Trade, Workforce & Economic Development.**

**MRNA Labeling** – required labeling of food and meat containing MRNA products in Texas (RPT Platform Plank 117 & 159) (*SB 119 Bob Hall*). **DEAD due to lack of vote in Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs.**

**Right to Refuse Medical Treatment** – “[R]ight to refuse any medical treatment, including a procedure, vaccine, medical device, or prophylactic, and a person may not interfere with or impede that right in any manner.” (RPT Platform Plank 114) (*SJR 10 Bob Hall*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Senate Health & Human Services.**



**Right to Refuse Vaccination** – “An individual has the unalienable and natural right to refuse vaccination . . . cannot be made a condition of employment, travel, school or other educational institution attendance, conducting business, receiving governmental services, or any other action . . . ” (RPT Platform Plank 114) (*HJR 91 Andy Hopper*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Ken King’s State Affairs.**

**Intrastate protection for Texas lab tests during Fed Health Emergencies** – (RPT Platform Plank 5) (*HB 964 Brian Harrison*). **DEAD due to lack of hearing in Ken King’s State Affairs.**

### Opposed Bills that Reduce Freedom to Travel

**Authorizes Texas subdivisions to Deploy License Plate Readers** – For use in parking enforcement, toll collection, uninsured or unregistered drivers, investigating missing persons, controlling access to secured areas, and investigating felonies. (RPT Principle 1 and Platform Planks 152, 153, and 199) (*HB 2083 John Bucy*). **DEAD.**

**School Bus Infraction Cameras (Similar to Red Light Cameras)** – Undoes part of red light camera prohibition law to allow schools to install cameras on buses to record vehicles passing buses while stopped. (RPT Principle 1 and Platform Planks 152, 153, and 199) (*SB 744 Donna Campbell / HB 1282 Richard Raymond/ HB 3034 Tom Craddick*). **DEAD.**

**School Bus Infraction Cameras (Similar to Red Light Cameras)** – Unfunded mandate on schools to install cameras that record vehicles passing school buses while stopped and for school districts to send pictures to law enforcement. Undoes part of red light camera prohibition law. (RPT Principle 1 and Platform Planks 152, 153, and 199) (*HB 723 Barbara Gervins-Hawkins*). **DEAD.**

**Establishing Digital Driver License IDs** – Creates digital drivers license ID. Passed House last session to die in Senate. (RPT Platform Planks 49 and 208) (*HB 1976 Terry Canales*). **DEAD. Never got hearing.**

### **Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids – 45% SUCCESS**

**Stopping the sexualization of minors, which leads to abuse, exploitation, and trafficking, by:**

**Prohibiting taxpayer funding to any entities that permit or promote sexually inappropriate content to minors and legislatively banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender ideology in schools and libraries. Partial Success. Two big and one minor bills passed. Six lesser bills failed. I call this category a 70% success.**

**Repealing affirmative defenses in Texas Penal Code (43.24, 43.25) and redefining “harmful materials” to remove loopholes provided by the modified Miller Test. HALF SUCCESS. Repealed affirmative defenses to showing porn to children. Failed to pass the Miller test loopholes in the definition of “harmful material.”**

**Establishing an independent Inspector General for Education to investigate fraud, waste, abuse, and criminal conduct within schools and refer findings to prosecutorial authorities. FAIL**

**Compelling superintendents to report sex crimes within schools to outside law enforcement and removing immunity from civil liability for schools and their employees. HALF SUCCESS. Compelled reporting failed. Removing immunity passed.**

**Comments:** In my opinion the Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids priority is a showcase for the increasing success of the RPT legislative priority process. Under previous speakers who were driven to serve the special interests and were culturally influenced by the Dems, there was an open hostility to social issues. The RPT has had its greatest success in changing that attitude in the establishment leadership of the legislature.

The current Uniparty House leadership is still beholden to the Dems and the lobby, but now understands the power of these issues to move the grassroots. I also think that Burrows and most of his team truly care about these issues more than previous teams.





The problem facing both chambers of the Texas Legislature at this moment in time is that every victory comes at the cost of a lot of legislative time. These are the issues that the Dems obsess and scream about both as representatives chubbing and delivering speech after speech about both in committee as well as the floor. And the left's activists, many of them Austin-based, descend on every hearing, making them very long and tedious to sit through.

The Burrows team did not trade victories for the Dems in stopping these bills this time. They gave the Dems time to vent and virtue signal and grandstand for their base, but not ultimate victory.

**[Stop funding for entities that promote sexually inappropriate content to minors or teach gender or orientation ideology.](#)**

**Parental Rights and Banning of DEI & Gender Transitioning – (SB 12 Brandon Creighton / House sponsor Jeff Leach) Sent to Governor June 3!**

**School Library Cleanup – (HB 100 Terri Leo Wilson / SB 451 Mayes Middleton) HB 100 Sent to Governor June 1!**

**School Library Advisory Councils – (SB 13 Angela Paxton / House sponsor Brad Buckley) Sent to Governor June 3!**

**Move Dirty Books in Public Libraries Out of Children's Section – (HB 3225 Daniel Alders / SB 2101) Apr 28 SB 2101 heard in Senate State Affairs. May 10 HB 3225 Passed Texas House! May 15 – heard in Senate State Affairs. DEAD due to slow action in Senate.**

**Prohibiting Use of National Sex Ed Standards in Texas – (SB 1396 Bob Hall) Apr 8 Passed Senate! May 23 in Calendars. DEAD due to slow action by Chair Brad Buckley of House Public Education. Got to Calendars late and died there.**

**Parental Approval for Sex Ed – (SB 371 Donna Campbell / HB 1158 Lacey Hull) Apr 1 Passed Senate! Apr 9 referred to House Public Education. DEAD due to no hearing by House Public Education Chair Brad Buckley. This language incorporated into HB 12.**

**Limits on Flags Displayed in Schools – (SB 762 Donna Campbell) Apr 15 Passed Senate! Apr 22 referred to House Public Education. DEAD due to no hearing by House Public Education Chair Brad Buckley.**

**Protects School Employees and Students when Using Proper Pronouns – (SB 1999 Bryan Hughes) May 8 Passed Senate! May 12 referred to House State Affairs. DEAD due to late hearing in Ken King's State Affairs, dying in Calendars.**

**Prohibiting school employees from assisting students in transitioning – (HB 1655 Nate Schatzline) DEAD due to slow walk by House Public Ed Chair Brad Buckley and slow treatment in Calendars. (Arguably, SB 12 addressed this topic.)**

**[Repeal Affirmative Defenses for Showing Porn to Children / Eliminate Miller Text Loopholes](#)**

**Repeal Affirmative Defenses for Showing Porn to Children – (SB 412 Mayes Middleton / HB 237 Jared Patterson) May 7 Sent to Governor! First RPT Priority Bill to Pass! Signed by Governor on May 19.**

**Removing Miller Test Loopholes in Definition of Harmful Material – (SB 88 Bob Hall / HB 1012 Steve Toth) DEAD due to lack of hearing in Senate Criminal Justice and Ken King's House State Affairs respectively.**

**[Schools Report Sex Crimes to Law Enforcement and Removed Immunity from Civil Liability](#)**

**Liability of Public Schools and Employees for Sexual Misconduct – (HB 4623 Mitch Little) June 2 Sent to Governor!**

**Reporting School Employee Misconduct to Law Enforcement – (SB 1224 Kevin Sparks / HB 2206 Ben Bumgarner) May 5 Passed Senate! May 6 referred to House Public Ed. DEAD due to no hearing by House Public Education Chair Brad Buckley.**



## Other

**App Regulation to Protect Children – (SB 2420 Angela Paxton / HB 4901 Caroline Fairly) May 27 – SB 2420 Signed by the Governor!**

**Prohibit Creation/Promotion of Obscene Material Depicting a Child – (SB 20 Pete Flores) May 28 – Sent to Governor!**

**Designation of Spaces for Biological Sex – (SB 240 Mayes Middleton / HB 239 Valoree Swanson) Apr 24 Passed Senate! DEAD due to no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**Restricting retail obscene devices – (HB 1549 Hillary Hickland / SB 2399 Angela Paxton) DEAD. Neither bill heard in committee. Angie Chen Button's Trade, Workforce & Economic Development and Senate Criminal Justice.**

**Biological Sex Placement in Children's Correctional Facilities – (HB 437 Valoree Swanson) DEAD in Calendars. Got reasonable treatment in John Smithee's House Criminal Jurisprudence.**

**Civil Liability for Obscenity – (HB 1375 Nate Schatzline) May 8 voted out of House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence. DEAD in Calendars due to late hearing and vote by Jeff Leach's Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence.**

## **Secure the Electric Grid – 70% SUCCESS**

**Securing the integrity of Texas electricity production and delivery of abundant, reliable, and resilient energy, ensuring that the Texas grid can withstand any natural or manmade threat to include weather, cyber, physical, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and geomagnetic disturbances (GMD).**

**Comments:** This was the first time this priority made it into the top eight. The genesis of the push for this priority was the efforts on behalf of State Senator Bob Hall, started in 2015, to harden the grid against electromagnetic pulses (EMP) that can bring down the grid caused by high altitude nuclear explosions or solar disturbances. Over the decade, Senator Hall expanded his efforts to protect the grid against all hazards.

I think that it was the RPT priority status that was the extra push that enabled us to finally pass Senator Hall's grid resilience bill on the sixth session of trying. To prove its respect for at least some RPT priorities, the Burrows team finally told the transmission industry lobby that they were no longer kill this vital initiative for the people of Texas for the lobby.

The subcommittee expanded the core mission of the priority beyond resilience into reliability and to address the safety, environmental, and nuisance aspects of the rapidly growing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) being deployed in many smaller population counties all over Texas. It is my opinion that the reliability measures would have passed without RPT involvement. The success in fire safety and end-of-life cleanup of BESS probably was helped by RPT involvement and education.

## **Grid Resilience (3 out of 4 bills)**

**All-Hazards Grid Resilience – (SB 75 Bob Hall / HB 941 Briscoe Cain – House sponsor of SB 75 Terry Wilson) May 28 Sent to Governor!**

**Required Tabletop Exercises for Physical Attack on Grid -- (SB 2148 Bob Hall / HB 4851 Shelby Slawson) May 27 Sent to Governor! Also amended into SB 75.**

**Standards for Transmission Critical Components Resilience to EMP and Solar Disturbance – (SB 1740 Tan Parker) Stuck in Senate B&C without hearing. DEAD. Essence included in SB 75.**

**Incentivizing Reliable Thermal over Less Reliable Solar/Wind on ERCOT – (SB 715 Kevin Sparks / HB 3356 Jared Patterson) – HB 3356 Voted out of House State Affairs. DEAD in Calendars. May 8 – SB 715 passed Senate. DEAD due to no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**



### Promoting Reliable Energy (8 out of 10 bills)

**Nuclear Energy Support – (HB 14 Cody Harris – Senate Sponsor Charles Schwertner / SB 2060 Tan Parker) June 2 Sent to Governor!**

**Texas Workforce Commission Advanced Nuclear Energy Workforce Development Group – (SB 1535 Judith Zaffarini) May 28 Sent to Governor!**

**Requiring Wind Generation Companies to Provide for End-of-Life Cleanup – (HB 3228 Stan Lambert / SB 2657 Charles Perry) May 26 HB 3228 Sent to Governor!**

**Required Reporting on Recycling of Wind/Solar/BESS -- (HB 3229 Stan Lambert / SB 2659 Charles Perry) May 29 HB 3229 Signed by Governor!**

**Orphaned Oil & Gas Wells -- (SB 1762 Cesar Blanco / HB 5568 Drew Darby) May 22 SB 1762 Sent to Governor!**

**Charging and Regulating New Large Load Customers -- (SB 6 Phil King) June 1 Sent to Governor!**

**Requires New PUC Regulations Setting Standards for Routine Inspection/Replacement of Transmission Infrastructure -- (SB 1789 Charles Schwertner / HB 4627 John McQueeney) May 28 SB 1789 Sent to Governor!**

**Changed Regulations of Transmission Company Temporary Mobile Power Units -- (SB 231 Phil King) May 22 Sent to Governor!**

**PUC Permission for 10MW or Larger Renewable Power Facilities -- (SB 819 Lois Kolkhorst) Apr 15 Passed Senate! Apr 22 assigned to House State Affairs. DEAD due to no hearing in Ken King's House State Affairs.**

**Imposing State Tax on Solar and Wind to Offset Federal Subsidies – (HB 3017 Brent Money) DEAD – Never heard in House Ways & Means.**

### Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Regulation (2 out of 4 bills)

**BESS End-of-Life Cleanup Required – (HB 3809 Drew Darby / SB 1824 Charles Schwertner) May 29 HB 3809 Signed by Governor!**

**Required PUC Fire Standards for BESS – (HB 3824 Ken King / SB 1825 Charles Schwertner) May 31 Sent to Governor!**

**Distance Requirements for BESS – (HB 1378 Wes Virdell) Apr 30 heard in House State Affairs. DEAD. No vote in committee.**

**PUC Regulation of BESS for Safety – (HB 1343 Ellen Troxclair / SB 1519 Donna Campbell) DEAD – Never heard in House State Affairs or Senate Business & Commerce.**

### Texas is Not for Sale - SUCCESS

**Banning the sale of real property in Texas, and discontinuing taxpayer funding and incentives, to governments, entities, and proxies of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia, and to individuals from these nations who are not legal permanent residents or citizens of the United States.**

**Comments:** I consider the subcommittee for the Texas is Not for Sale priority as the most successful of the subcommittees this session. The bills started out with a large number of deficiencies which the committee and RPT leadership skillfully and persistently communicated to the players in both chambers. And as the session ended, the major players incorporated the suggestions of the RPT into the bill that passed, turning what would have been a weak-sauce shell into the strongest state bill in the nation on this topic. Congratulations to Deborah Kelting Fite, the SREC member leading that subcommittee, and all her volunteers for such a glorious victory!





**Prohibitions on Purchase/Lease/Ownership of Real Property By Certain Aliens** – Significant work and input by RPT strengthened bill into a win. (SB 17 Lois Kolkhorst / HB 17 Cole Hefner) **June 1 Sent to Governor!**

**Regulation and Prohibitions on Lobbying for Foreign Adversaries** – (HB 119 Stan Gerdes / SB 1875 Bryan Hughes) **June 2 Sent to Governor!**

Toward liberty,

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*“If a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to advance a cause that is right and that is moral, then it is not a political party; it is merely a conspiracy to seize power” ~ Dwight D. Eisenhower*

