

83RD SESSION HOUSE BUDGET SCORECARD

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

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

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

THE VOTES

Amendment 2 (Record Vote #145)

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

Amendment 12 (Record Vote #150)

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

Amendment 51 (Record Vote #161)

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

Amendment 95 (Record Vote #169)

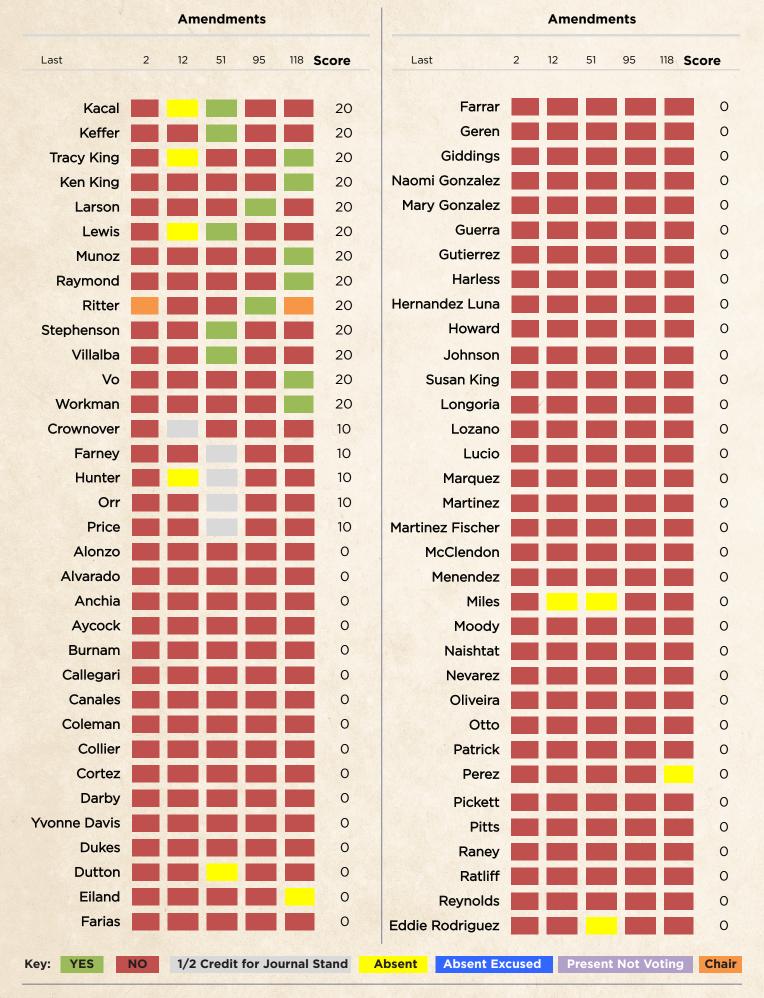
This amendment prohibits the use of appropriated dollars to go towards school choice, potentially ending the topic's discussion this Session.

Amendment 118 (Record Vote #174)

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

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	Amendments				
Last	2	12	51	95	118 Score
Justin Rodriguez					C
Rose					C
J.D. Sheffield					C
Smith					C
Strama					C
nfronia Thompson					C
Chris Turner					C
Sylvester Turner					C
Villarreal					C
Walle					C
Wu					C
Zerwas					C
Gooden					A

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

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