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Updates from the Capitol

With 45 days remaining in the regular session that ends May 31, the House Calendar is expanding, our floor sessions are now Monday-Friday, committee activity is accelerating and the over-all OPTEMPO has increased dramatically.

Most of our property tax legislation has been scheduled for hearings, and many of our coauthored pro-life and gun legislation is scheduled for hearings or is leaving their respective committees.

6 more weeks to go come Monday!

Belton Chamber Meeting

Belton Chamber of Commerce was host to our 2nd Monday public forum.



We discussed House Bill 5 (Broadband) details that were approved by the House last week and enroute to the Senate. We also focused on Senate Bill 7, relating to election integrity, that was voted out of the Senate and is enroute to the House.

Pro-Life Coauthored Legislation Moving Forward

Every session, both in my prior service and my current service in the Texas House, I am proudly involved in Pro Life legislation. It has always been a privilege to work with group such as Texas Alliance for Life, Texans for Life and many others. Here are a few of the coauthored bills making progress in the Texas House over the last two weeks.

House Bill 1173 was heard last Thursday and was left pending in committee. I am proud to coauthor House Bill 1173, which prohibits logistical support by a governmental entity for procurement of an abortion or the services of an abortion provider.

House Bill 1280, known as the Human Life Protection Act was also considered for public hearing in the Public Health committee last Wednesday which would create a civil penalty and criminal offense for providing an abortion. I am proud to work with Texas Alliance for Life to see this legislation pass.

House Bill 1515, known as the Heartbeat Bill authored by Representative Slawson (R-Stephenville) relates to abortions after detection of an unborn child's heartbeat. House Bill 1515 was also heard in the Public Health committee last Wednesday and is coauthored by over 60 representatives.

House Bill 2337 relates to the regulation of drug-induced abortion procedures, providers, and facilities; providing criminal penalties. House Bill 2337 was heard in the Public Health committee last Wednesday and is coauthored by almost 40 Representatives.

House Bill 3218, authored by Representative Schaefer (R-Tyler) and championed by Texas Right to Life, relates to the regulation of abortion, including information regarding perinatal palliative care and prohibiting discriminatory abortions, authorizing disciplinary action, providing a civil remedy, and creating a criminal offense.

Property Tax Legislation Update

House Bill 988 was voted out of Ways & Means unanimously and sent to the Calendars Committee. House Bill 988 relates to the administration of the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Representative Meyer (R-Dallas) and I joint-authored House Bill 2429, which was voted out of the Texas House with 139 'Ayes'. House Bill 2429 relates to the alternate provisions for ad valorem tax rate notices when the de minimis rate of a taxing unit exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

The committee substitute for House Bill 3115 was voted out of Business & Industry on April 8th with 7 'Ayes'. House Bill 3115 relates to the release of a judgment lien on homestead property.

Easter

Temple Elks Lodge joined the Heart of Central Texas Council for Independent Living (HOTCIL) in their 9th Easter event for special needs children on April 3. This year's event was a drive-thru where treats and lunch were handed out to families. Over 200 children participated in the event. I want to thank the Elks Lodge, Does, HOTCIL, Boy Scout Troop 153 and many volunteers who helped make today's event a success.

This was a great opportunity to help a special needs child have a wonderful Easter.



Baylor Basketball Team Honored On House Floor



I was honored to join fellow Texas House members and the Governor on Wednesday morning in congratulating Baylor Basketball on their NCAA National Championship.

John Rhoden Memorial Highway



On Tuesday, the Texas Municipal Police Association and Bell County Deputy Sheriff Ben Rives joined us in laying out House Bill 532, memorializing John Rhoden of Bell County Sheriff Department. The portion of State Highway Loop 121 in Bell County Interstate Highway 35 and its intersection with Interstate Highway 14 is designated as the Deputy Sheriff John Rhoden Memorial Highway.

Bell County Sheriff Deputy John Rhoden passed away on the line of duty on April 26th, 2020, when he was struck by a vehicle while attempting to place strike strips on the highway to assist Williamson county deputies, who were pursuing a stolen vehicle.

Coauthored 2nd Amendment Legislation

House Bill 1911, one of the two constitutional carry bills passing through committee last week, relates to provisions governing the carrying of a handgun by certain unlicensed persons and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm; providing criminal penalties. House Bill 1911 left the Homeland Security & Public Safety committee with 6 'Ayes' and 3 'Nays'. Coauthored by over 40+ members.

House Bill 1927, another constitutional carry bill, passed Homeland Security & Public Safety on April 1. House Bill 1927 was coauthored by myself and 50+ representatives and passed the Texas House yesterday.

House Bill 1500, relates to authority of the governor and certain political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition, knives, air guns, explosives, and combustibles and certain associated businesses during certain disasters and emergencies. House Bill 1500 left state affairs with 10 'Ayes' and 3 'Nays' and passed on the House floor yesterday.

House Bill 918 & 1069 passed Homeland Security & Public Safety on April 8, and House Bill 2622 was voted out of State Affairs on April 6.