

Senate District 10

Dear Republican Friend,

As we are starting a new year, the most important thing that we can do for our country and state is pray. Please pray daily for the leaders of our government.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As citizens, we want to be faithful stewards of all that God has given us, especially the many opportunities that come with living in this great state and nation.

I hope that 2009 is a year of great blessings for you and your family.

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Very Truly Yours,
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Grassroots Focus on Wanda Bell



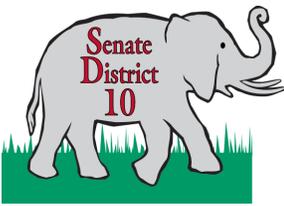
Wanda Jean Newton Bell. Born, grew up and married in Oklahoma City but both sides of my family were Texan. Am 1/16 Choctaw Indian and grew up in a democrat household.

Married Robert Bell in 1950 and saying "I do" also meant "I do" become a Republican. If anything broke - the washer, the car, whatever -my father-in-law said it had gone democrat.

I was an army wife during Korean War - living in Virginia. We moved to Dallas in 1955 where Bob taught school another year then went to work for IBM. We learned quickly that it was smarter in those days to vote in the Democrat Primary because that was the only way to have any say in who eventually got elected. The Republicans rarely had need for a primary. We could then vote Republican in the general elections - and we did. After moving to Fort Worth in 1961 and our daughter started school, I went back to college for a bachelors degree in nursing.

When I graduated from high school, nursing students could not be married. TCU was convenient and accepted me. In 1962, with entrance tests and class grades, I was invited to be among the first members of the TCU honor society. Thinking it would take too much time I did not join but after graduation was installed in Sigma Theta Tau - the nursing honor society and am still a member. Bob taught in the evening college at TCU so while I was secretary and then Pres. of Harris College of Nursing Alumni Assoc., the nursing school became the first alumni group at TCU to have a computer listing. Summer 1974 found me being a volunteer relief nurse at a hospital in Malawi (central East Africa).

Then IBM moved us to England 1976-1978 and we loved every minute of it. After 26 1/2 years Bob retired, went to work for BMC, still writing computer software and we moved back to England 1983-1985 keeping our home in Ft. Worth during all the overseas time.



Grassroots Focus on Wanda Bell continued

Early in 1970's I walked into the Republican County Headquarters. and asked how could I get involved. They suggested I join the Metropolitan Republican Women's Club. I've been a Texas Federation of Republican Women member ever since. My granddaughter was a member for a while. Political and Community volunteer services are both important in my life.

When Fort Worth Rep. Women's group was formed I chose to join that club and am a charter member, staying a dual member with Metropolitan. Have been club President, parliamentarian, membership chair and held other offices. Have also been precinct chair here in Fort Worth - until we moved out of that precinct. That then let me be an election Judge. Served on the TFRW board for several years, including District Director and Patron/Regents co-chair. Have TFRW "Tribute to Women" award (1996) and TFRW "10 Outstanding Women" award (2005).

In 1987/88 I ran for State Rep. Anna Mowrey and June Garrison thought it was a good idea but at first I said they were "nuts". Anna was to be my Campaign manager. It was an open seat and they knew of no one interested. Then I thought - "I can do that as well as anyone else can" so I filed. There were a total of NINE of us who filed. Four stayed in the race and Kim Brimer won. The opening became available and Anna ran for her own seat - and won.

Undaunted, at the next election I ran for City Council - against Jewel Woods. Jewel had been Fort Worth First Lady so she had the name identification and of course won the seat. Lesson #1 Name ID is very, very important. Jewel did ask me to serve on the Library Board which I accepted. My term of office ran out but am still involved with Library support.

I am not a "YES man". If the occasion necessitates a NO vote I will do that. Standing up for the right and for what you believe in should always come first. Sometimes that is not liked but serving my conscience is more important to me and especially when I KNOW something is absolutely WRONG.

In the early 70's I also joined the Fort Worth Woman's Club and am still a member. Served as president of a couple of clubs there. I am currently a Director on the Club board. Have served as treasurer and in other offices of departments at the Women's Club.

I am a firm believer that the Republican party needs to have a large enough tent that can include members who do not always agree on every issue. And those issues should not be arguing points among ourselves. We need to be strong enough to stand up and stand together on the issues that really count - smaller gov't., fiscal responsibility, and accountability. Those issue should stand - on local, state, and national levels.

Resolution Regarding Rosebush-Blocker

Whereas, Republican voters worked very hard over many years to win a majority in the Texas Senate;

Whereas, Republican voters are frustrated that Democrats, who are in the minority, can block critical conservative legislation with just 11 votes;

Whereas, the Republican Party of Texas 2008 Party Platform says on page eleven, "Rosebush-Blocker Rule - We oppose the Rosebush-Blocker Rule in the Texas Senate," which is the will of the grassroots Republicans as embodied by 2008 State Republican Party Convention; and, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the SREC strongly urges that the Texas Senate take whatever steps are necessary to pass conservative legislation over the opposition of the Democrat minority, including consideration of discontinuing the use of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule, if necessary; and, be it

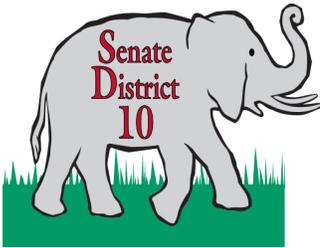
Resolved, that if outright elimination of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule does not appear to be able to be passed by the Texas Senate in its initial caucuses and meetings, that the SREC strongly urges that the Texas Senate, at the very least, change the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule by reducing the 2/3rds requirement to 60%, which is an equivalent percentage to the 60% cloture rule in the United States Senate; and, be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to all Texas State Senators, and that RPT HQ's disseminate it via e-mail and the RPT website; and, be it further

Resolved, that the SREC encourages all Texas Republicans to contact their state senator to urge them to end or at least, modify this rule as described above, so the will of the majority can finally be represented in the Texas Senate.

Adopted by the Republican Party of Texas this 6th day of December, 2008.

Submitted by Clint Moore, SD 7



Resolution Supporting Election of a Republican Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives

WHEREAS, a primary function of the Republican Party of Texas is to elect candidates that embrace the principles articulated by the Republican Party of Texas Platform and to enact those principles legislatively;

WHEREAS, the success of the advancement of Republican principles in Texas depends heavily upon having a Republican Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives elected by a majority of the 76 members of the Republican House Caucus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon Republican members of the Texas House of Representatives to only support for election, and to elect, a Republican as Speaker of the Texas House who gains the support and vote of the majority of Republican House Members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas calls upon Republican members of the Texas House of Representatives to hold all votes for Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives by open, public ballot; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered by electronic mail to each Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives and posted on the Republican Party of Texas website.

Adopted by the Republican Party of Texas this 6th day of December, 2008.

Submitted by Brian Russell, SD 14

81st Legislature Dates of Interest

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 (1st day)

81st Legislature convenes at noon

[*Government Code, Sec. 301.001*]

Monday, June 1, 2009 (140th day)

Last day of 81st Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate

[*Sec. 24(b), Art. III, Texas Constitution*]

Session Ends

Sunday, June 21, 2009 (20th day following final adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session

[*Sec. 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution*]

Monday, August 31, 2009 (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law

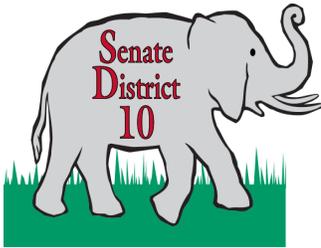
[*Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution*]

Republican Party of Texas Statewide Calendar



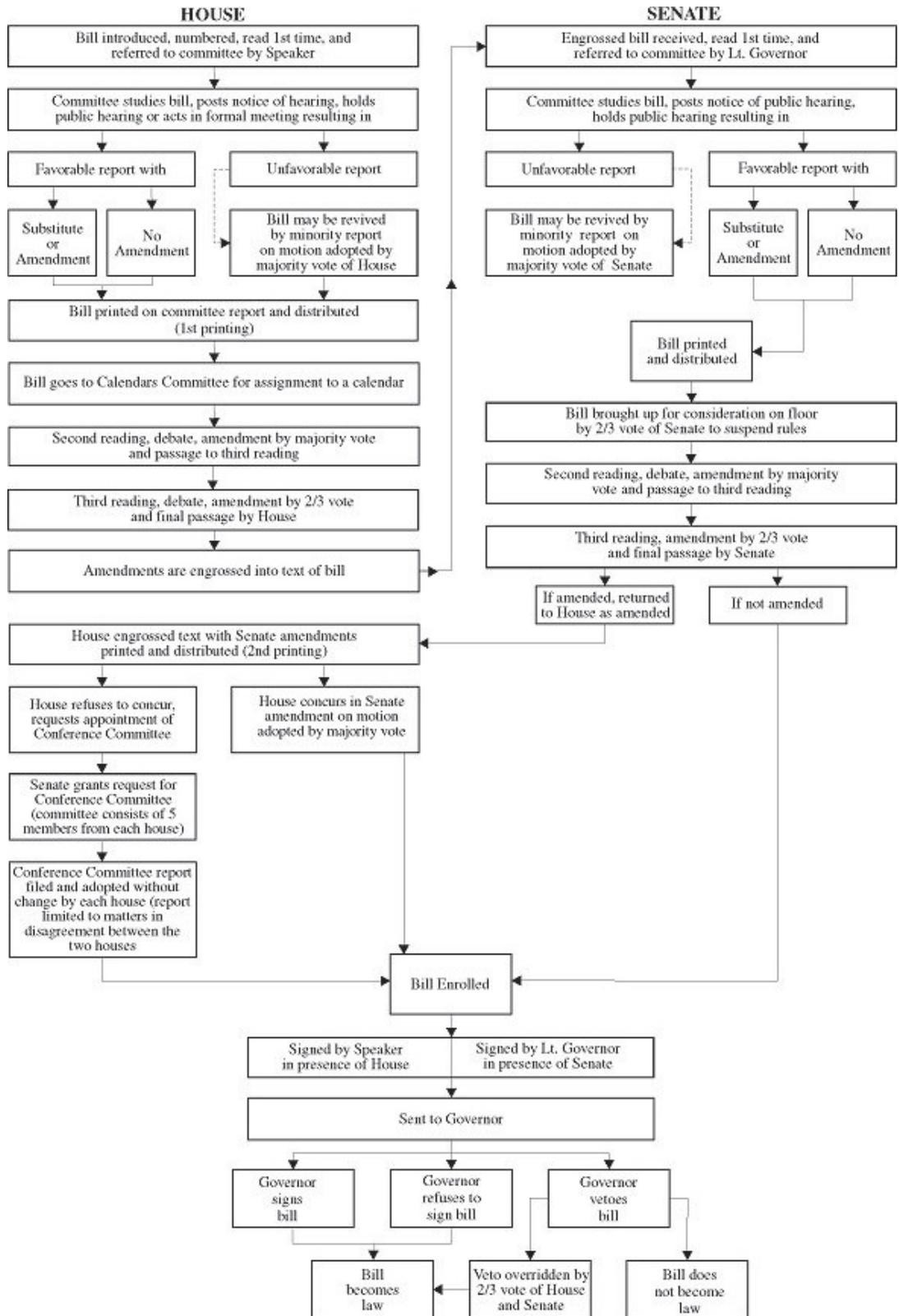
Find out about Republican events going on all over Texas by going to

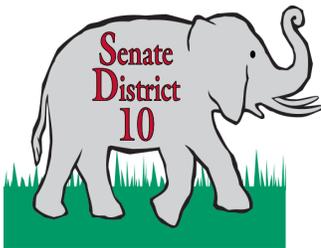
www.texasgop.org/calendar.



Legislative Process

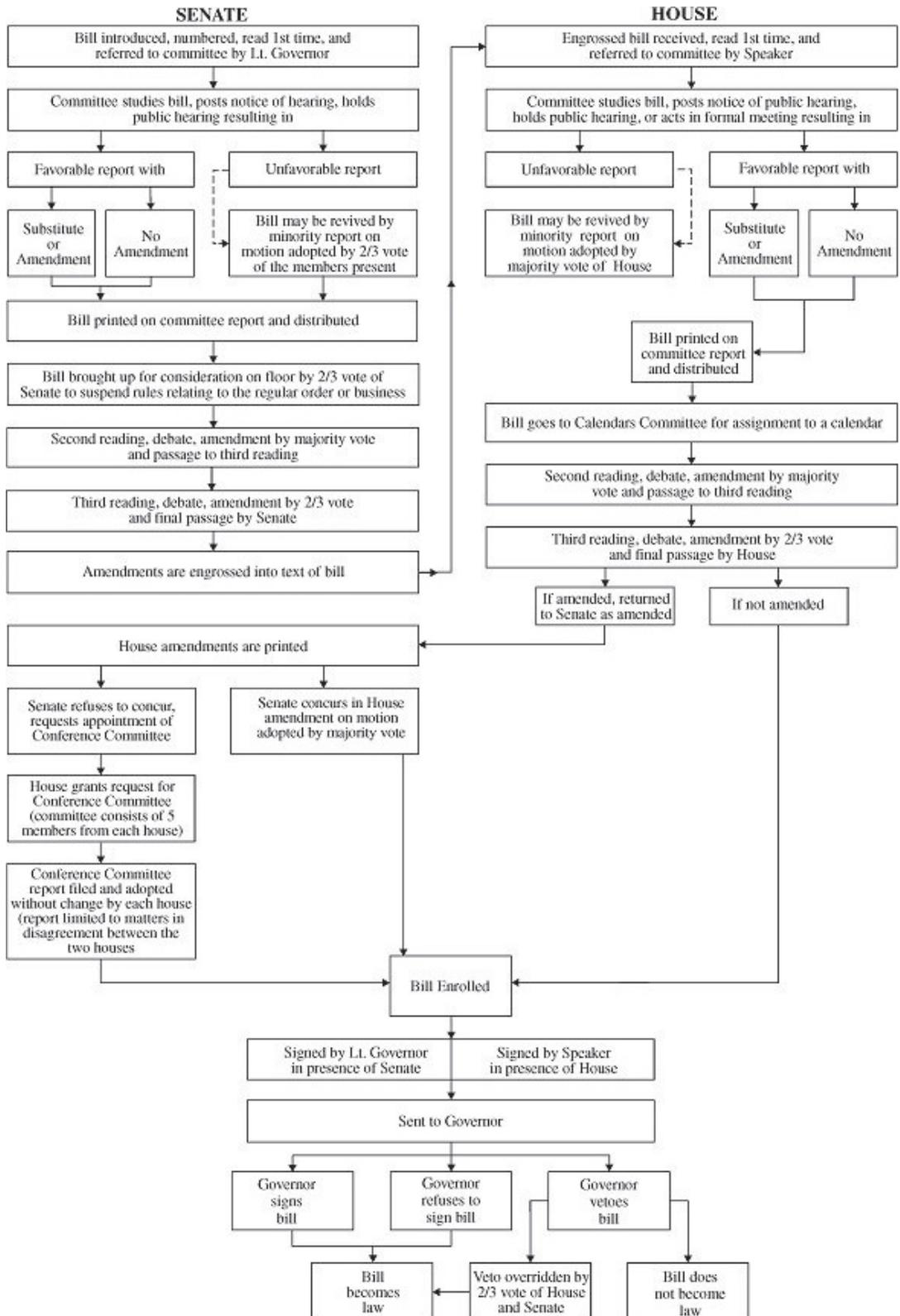
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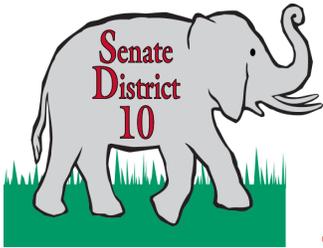




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Senate Bill Process





Update for the 81st Legislature

**Texas Conservative Coalition
“Pledge with Texans”**

State Representative Wayne Christian
President of the Texas Conservative Coalition

Also learn about
Pro-Life Lobby Day
(Tuesday, Feb. 24th)
at the Texas Capitol in Austin

Saturday, January 31

6:30 PM Social & Refreshments

7:00 PM Program

Stacy Community Room

1900 S. Main Street, Grapevine 76051

(Stacy Furniture - 3rd floor, 817-424-8800)

(South Side of Hwy 114/121)

Hosted By

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