



Third Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature*

Driskill Hotel • January 26 & 27, 2005 • Austin, Texas

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

2 p.m. Keynote Address: Education

Shirley Neeley
Texas Education Commissioner

2:15 p.m. A New Approach To **School Finance**

- Sen. Florence Shapiro
- Sen. Kyle Janek
- Rep. Kent Grusendorf
- Rep. Bill Keffer
- Eric Hanushek, Hoover Institution
- Byron Schlomach, Texas Public Policy Foundation

3:45 p.m. Providing **Academic Freedom**

- Rep. Fred Hill
- Christopher Hammons, Houston Baptist University
- Carolyn Boyle, Coalition for Public Schools
- Robert Enlow, Friedman Foundation
- Chris Patterson, Texas Public Policy Foundation

5:00 p.m. **Tax Options** In The 79th

- Rep. Jim Keffer
- David Hartman, The Hartman Foundation
- Richard Vedder, Ohio University

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Introductory comments by Sen. Ken Armbrister
Keynote address by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

Thursday, January 27, 2005

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Introductory comments by the Hon. Michael Williams
Keynote address by House Speaker Tom Craddick

8:30 a.m. Future **Mobility** In Texas

- Rep. Mike Krusee
- Michael Stevens, Governor's Business Council
- Byron Schlomach, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- Wendell Cox, Public Purpose

8:30 a.m. Reforming **Workers' Compensation** Insurance

- Rep. Joe Nixon
- Bill Hammond, Texas Association of Business
- John Colyandro, Texas Conservative Coalition
- Richard Levy, Texas AFL-CIO
- Dr. Keith Rose

9:45 a.m. Should **Taxes And Expenditures** Be Limited?

- Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos*
- Rep. Carl Isett
- John Andrews, Colorado Senate

9:45 a.m. Tort Reform 2005: **Asbestos Litigation**

- Sen. Robert Duncan
- Rep. Bryan Hughes
- Rep. Joe Nixon
- Walter Olson, Manhattan Institute

11:15 a.m. New Challenges In **Homeowners' Insurance**

- Rep. Larry Taylor
- Jose Montemayor, Texas Insurance Commissioner
- Beaman Floyd, Texas Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions
- Patrick Brockett, University of Texas

11:15 a.m. New **Telecom Technologies**, Old Regulations

- Sen. Troy Fraser*
- Rep. Phil King
- Diane Katz, Mackinac Center for Public Policy
- Jerry Ellig, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- Bruce Mehlman, Mehlman and Vogel
- Rick Cimerman, National Cable & Telecom. Assoc.

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Introductory comments by Rep. Elizabeth Ames-Jones
Keynote address by Governor Rick Perry, with special remarks by Maurice McTigue, former member of the New Zealand parliament

2 p.m. Keynote Address: Health Care

Patrick Rooney, Golden Rule Insurance
"Father of Health Savings Accounts"

2:15 p.m. The Future Of **Medicaid**

- Rep. Dianne White Delisi
- Rep. John Davis
- Michael Bond, Buckeye Institute

3:15 p.m. Meeting The Needs Of The **Uninsured**

- Rep. Linda Harper-Brown
- Arlene Wohlgemuth, former State Representative
- John Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis
- Anne Dunkleberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities

4:15 p.m. The Market's Role In **Water Policy**

- Sen. Robert Duncan
- J.E. "Buster" Brown, former State Senator
- Rep. Bill Callegari
- Rep. Robert Puente
- Mary Kelly, Environmental Defense

‡ Agenda is subject to change
* Invited panelist/speaker.