

Fourth Annual Policy Orientation For The Texas Legislature

January 9, 2006 — Austin Capitol Marriott

Welcome Brooke Leslie Rollins
President, Texas Public Policy Foundation

2:00 p.m.

Opening Keynote Address House Speaker Tom Craddick

Tax and Expenditure Remarks Ken Blackwell, Ohio Secretary of State

Break

2:45 p.m.

Tax & Expenditure Limits: Where Do We Go From Here?

Participants Senator Tommy Williams
Representative Carl Isett
Barry Poulson, University of Colorado & Americans for Prosperity
Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor

2:45 p.m.

Protecting Property Rights After *Kelo*

Participants Senator Kyle Janek
Representative Harold Dutton
Representative Beverly Woolley
Scott Bullock, Institute for Justice
Larry Casto, City of Dallas

2:45 p.m.

Water: Are We Leaving the Future of Texas High and Dry?

Participants Senator Ken Armbrister
The Honorable J.E. "Buster" Brown
Ron Kaiser, Texas A&M University
Kevin Ward, Executive Director, Texas Water Development Board

Break

4:15 p.m.

Tax Fairness: Rhetoric or Reality?

Participants Senator Steve Ogden
Representative Jim Keffer
John Fund, *Wall Street Journal*
Scott McCown, Center for Public Policy Priorities

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4:15 p.m.

Beyond the Big House: Better Alternatives to Prison

Participants..... Representative Jerry Madden
Judge John Creuzot, Dallas District Judge
Rob Kepple, Texas District and County Attorneys Association
Ann del Llano, Texas ACLU

6:30 p.m.

Dinner — Ballroom

Invocation State Representative Sid Miller
Keynote Address Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst

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9:00 a.m.

Opening Keynote: Newt Gingrich, former U.S. House Speaker

9:30 a.m.

Prescription for Medicaid: Principles and Practical Solutions

Participants..... Representative Dan Gattis
Michael Cannon, Cato Institute
Jim Frogue, Center for Health Transformation
Alan Levine, Sec., Agency for Health Care Administration, FL

11:00 a.m.

What's Wrong with Health Care?

Participants..... Representative Dianne White Delisi
Michael Cannon, Cato Institute
Dr. John Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis
Dr. Charles Van Eaton, Bryan College, Tennessee

11:00 a.m.

Special Session Challenge: Connecting Teacher Salaries and Quality with Student Achievement

Participants..... Senator Florence Shapiro
Dr. Eric Hanushek, Texas Schools Project & Hoover Institution
Dr. Theodore Hershberg, University of Pennsylvania, Operation Public Education
Donna New Haschke, Texas State Teachers Association

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Is the Free Market Working for Homeowners Insurance?

Participants Representative John Smithee
Patrick Brockett, University of Texas
Ernst Csiszar, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America
Commissioner Mike Geeslin, Texas Department of Insurance

12:30 p.m.

Lunch—Ballroom

Invocation..... State Representative Al Edwards
Keynote Address..... The Honorable John Sharp,
Chairman, Texas Tax Reform Commission & former Texas Comptroller

2:00 p.m.

School Choice: Free Parents, Achieving Children

Participants Michael Williams, Texas Railroad Commissioner
Dr. Jay Greene, University of Arkansas, Department of Education Reform
Brock Gregg, Association of Texas Professional Educators
Dr. James Leininger, Chairman Emeritus, Texas Public Policy Foundation

2:00 p.m.

The Future of Texas Telecom

Participants Representative Phil King
Jerry Ellig, Mercatus Institute at George Mason University
Ray Gifford, Progress and Freedom Foundation
Chairman Paul Hudson, Public Utility Commission

3:30 p.m.

School Districts and Education Dollars: Looking for Results in the Special Session

Participants Senator Jeff Wentworth
Representative Bill Keffer
Dr. Pascal Forgione, Austin ISD Superintendent
Dr. Zena Rudo, Southwest Educational Research Laboratory

3:30 p.m.

Transportation: Stopping the Transfer

Participants Representative Mike Krusee
Margaret Keliher, Dallas County Judge
Michael Stevens, Governor's Business Council
Ric Williamson, TxDOT