

Texas Public Policy Foundation

Fifth Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature
Sheraton Austin ☉ February 7 & 8, 2007 ☉ Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

1:30 pm Opening Keynote Address (Ballroom)

House Speaker Tom Craddick

2:00-3:15 pm

One Part Limiting Spending, One Part Maximizing Tax Reduction: A Recipe for...? (*Ballroom*)

- Rep. Carl Isett (moderator)
- Sen. Dan Patrick
- Tim Dunn (Texas Public Policy Foundation)
- Barry Poulson (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- Dick Lavine (Center for Public Policy Priorities)

3:30-4:45 pm

Budgeting Appropriately: Perfecting Texas' Appropriations Process (*Ballroom*)

- Rep. Dan Gattis
- The Honorable Talmadge Heflin
- Mike Morrissey (Office of the Governor)
- Eileen Norcross (Mercatus)

Business Overcriminalization: From Arthur Andersen to Farmers and Fishermen (*Creekside*)

- Ryan Turner (Texas Municipal Courts Education Center)
- Ellen Podgor (Stetson University College of Law)
- Brian Walsh (Heritage Foundation)
- Stephanie Martz (White Collar Crime Project)

5:00-6:15 pm

Texas' New Business Tax: Gilded Goose or Goose that Laid the Golden Egg? (*Salon FGH*)

- Sen. Kyle Janek
- Mike Reissig (Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts)
- Joseph Crosby (Council on State Taxation)
- Jennifer Patterson (McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore LLP)

Will Competition Keep the Lights On In Texas? (*Creekside*)

- Sen. Troy Fraser
- Com. Barry Smitherman (TX Public Utility Commission)
- Robert Michaels (University of California, Fullerton)
- Tom "Smitty" Smith (Public Citizen organization)

7:00 pm Dinner Keynote Address (Ballroom)

John Stossel, 20/20 co-anchor and author
Introductory Remarks: Dr. James Leininger

Thursday, February 8, 2007

9:00 am Opening Keynote Address (Ballroom)

Tommy Thompson, Former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary
Introductory Remarks: Sen. Jane Nelson

9:45-10:45 am

An Aging Texas: Medicaid Long-Term Care Reform (*Salon FGH*)

- Sen. Robert Deuell
- Stephen Moses (Center for Long-Term Care Reform)
- Nora Belcher (Office of the Governor)

9:45-10:45 am

Task Force on Appraisal Reform: What's Really Being Recommended? (*Ballroom*)

- Tom Pauken (Task Force on Appraisal Reform)
- Gary Boren (Lubbock City Council)
- Bob Garrett (Fair Management L.C.)

11:00-12:15 pm

Pre-K: Parent or Government Responsibility? (*Ballroom*)

- Rep. Lois Kolkhorst
- Lance Izumi (Pacific Research Institute)
- Bruce Fuller (University of California, Berkeley)
- Jason Sabo (United Way)
- David Fincher (private preschool operator)

Telecom "Fees" Too Taxing? (*Salon FGH*)

- Rep. Phil King
- Rep. Sylvester Turner
- Paul Bachman (Beacon Hill Institute)
- Clarence West (Attorney)

Criminal Justice Budgeting: Restore Victims, Reform Offenders, & Respect Taxpayers (*Creekside*)

- Sen. John Whitmire
- Rep. Jerry Madden
- Tony Fabelo (JFA Institute)
- David Weeks (Walker County District Attorney)

12:30 pm Lunch Buffet Keynote Address (Ballroom)

Gov. Rick Perry

2:00-3:15 pm

Texas' Math/Science Deficit: Changing the Equation (*Ballroom*)

- TBD
- Com. Raymund Paredes (Higher Ed. Coordinating Board)
- Tegwin Pulley (Texas Instruments)
- Dr. Sandra Stotsky (National Mathematics Advisory Panel)

Higher Education: Who's the Customer? (*Creekside*)

- Rep. Geanie Morrison
- Jeff Sandefer (Sandefer Capital Partners)
- Guy Diedrich (Texas A&M System)
- Rick O'Donnell (The Fund for Colorado's Future)

Addressing the Uninsured (*Salon FGH*)

- Sen. Carlos Uresti
- Steve Murdock (State Demographer)
- Tarren Bragdon (Maine Heritage Policy Center)
- Sally Pipes (Pacific Research Institute)
- Anne Dunkelberg (Center for Public Policy Priorities)

3:30-4:45 pm

Competition in Education: Giving Parents a Choice (*Ballroom*)

- Sen. Leticia Van de Putte
- Rep. Jason Fields (D-WI)
- Clint Bolick (Alliance for School Choice)
- Kathy Miller (Texas Freedom Network)

The Role of Transparency in Health Care Reform (*Salon FGH*)

- Sen. Robert Duncan
- Michael Cannon (Cato Institute)
- Shelton Green (Texas Association of Business)

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