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Betty King
Secretary of the Senate
Bill Hobby, a native Houstonian, was born January 19, 1932. He graduated from Rice University in 1953, and joined the United States Navy where he served three years in the Office of Naval Intelligence.

Long active in both statewide and national affairs, Hobby has served in a variety of posts, including presidential committees, the Texas Air Control Board, the University of Houston Board of Regents, and the Houston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He recently chaired the Special Committee on Higher Education Financing.

He is president of the Houston Post, and has held offices in several newspaper organizations.

Since his election as Lieutenant Governor in 1972, Hobby has served as Chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of State Governments. Hobby serves as President of the Texas Senate, Chairman of the Legislative Budget Board, and Co-Chairman of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council. Hobby, a Democrat, was reelected to a four-year term on November 7, 1978.

He and his wife Diana live in Houston with their four children—Laura, Paul, Andrew, and Katherine.
WM. P. "BILL" HOBBY

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77001

OCCUPATION:
Newspaper Executive

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 19, 1932

EDUCATION:
Rice University, BA

RELIGION:
Episcopal

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
American Society of Newspaper Editors
Houston Child Guidance Center
Texas Hunter and Jumper Association
Houston Chamber of Commerce
University of Houston Board of Regents

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Lieutenant Governor—
1973—present
BETTY ANDUJAR

The first Republican woman in the Texas Senate, Senator Betty Andujar was elected as President Pro Tempore by the Senate for the 65th legislative session. Serving her third term, the Fort Worth senator has been listed in “Who’s Who in American Politics” since 1969. Senator Andujar, the only woman in the Senate this term, was a delegate to both the 1972 and 1976 National Republican Conventions, and was the Republican National Committeewoman for Texas from 1976 to 1980. She is vice chairman of the Subcommittee on Nominations.

REVELATION:
   Presbyterian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
   Executive Council Member, The Medical College of Pennsylvania
   Board Member, Texas Rape Prevention and Control Project
   Past Regional Director, National Order of Women Legislators
   Board of Directors, Association for the Prevention of Blindness
   Past Board Member, American Physical Therapy Assn., Texas Chapter
   Past President, Auxiliary to Tarrant County Medical Society
   Past Chairman, Education Committee of Tarrant Unit of the American Cancer Society

EDUCATION:
   Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, BA

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
   Senate Member—1973–present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 12
ROY BLAKE

Nacogdoches businessman and civic leader Roy Blake was elected to the Texas Senate in 1978 after five years in the House of Representatives. Prior to his election to the Legislature, he served for six years on the Nacogdoches City Commission. A member of a pioneer East Texas family, he is a lifetime resident of Nacogdoches County. Serving in the Legislature is nothing new to the Blake family; Senator Blake's great-grandfather, Bennett Blake, served in the 10th Session in 1863. In his first session in the Senate, Blake was successful in passing 26 of the bills he sponsored. His senatorial district (3) is composed of 15 counties of East Texas.

ADDRESS:
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

EDUCATION:
Texas A&M University
Stephen F. Austin State University,
BS Degree

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Rotary Club
Chamber of Commerce, Past President
Sons of Republic of Texas

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
March 29, 1928

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member 1973–1978
Senate Member 1978–present.

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 3
A member of the Legislature since 1963, Senator Chet Brooks is serving his fifth term in the Senate. The Harris County senator served as President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1972 and is now among the three leaders in seniority. Recognized for his work as chairman of the Human Resources Committee, Senator Brooks concentrates on health care, human services, and education legislation. He is also a member of the Legislative Budget Board.

EDUCATION:
- San Angelo College
- San Jacinto College
- University of Texas, BA
- University of Houston

RELIGION:
- Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
- Fraternal Order of Eagles
- Sigma Delta Chi
- Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
- Houston Council on Human Relations

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
- House Member—1963–1966
- Senate Member—1967–present
J. E. "BUSTER" BROWN

Newly-elected Senator Buster Brown is a practicing attorney in Lake Jackson. Senator Brown was a public school teacher before entering law school where he served as President of the University of Texas Law School student body. He served as Briefing Attorney with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and later as Assistant District Attorney in Brazoria County.

ADDRESS:
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
State Bar of Texas
Brazoria County Bar Association
Chamber of Commerce
Kiwanis Club
Lake Jackson Business and Professional Assoc.
Lake Jackson Little League Assoc.
Mason
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity

EDUCATION:
Texas A & I University, BS
University of Texas, LLB, JD

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981—present

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 10, 1940

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 17
Kent A. Caperton, from the nineteen-county Fifth District, was elected to the Texas Senate in his first attempt for elective office. He served as President of the student body of Texas A&M and graduated in 1971. After graduation he served as an assistant to the President of A&M. Senator Caperton received his legal training at the University of Texas. He served as an Assistant Attorney General until 1976 when he returned to Bryan to enter private practice. He served as Bryan’s municipal judge until January 1980 when he resigned to run for the State Senate. He is a member of the law firm of Gandy, Mauro, and Caperton, P.C.

ADDRESS:
Bryan, Texas 77801

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
August 2, 1949

EDUCATION:
Texas A&M, BBA
University of Texas Law School, LLB

RELIGION:
Lutheran

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Local and State Bar Associations
Jaycees
Co-Chairman, Brazos County Muscular Dystrophy Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981—present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 5
A former Texas Consumer Association President elected to the Texas Senate at age 26, Senator Lloyd Doggett was selected by Texas Monthly as one of the "Ten Best Legislators" following the 66th session. He has also been named one of "Five Outstanding Young Texans" by the Texas Jaycees. Senator Doggett maintains a near-100% voting and attendance record in the Senate. A member of the Sunset Commission and author of the Texas Sunset Act, he has sponsored significant legislation in other areas including consumer law, historic preservation, public employees and equal opportunity for the handicapped.

ADDRESS:
Austin, Texas 78711

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 6, 1946

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BBA, JD

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
National Board of Consumers Union
Board of Directors, Austin Arthritis Foundation
Former Chairman, Austin Scout-O-Rama
Past President, Texas Consumers Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1973—present
RAY FARABEE

A Wichita Falls attorney and civic leader, Ray Farabee was elected to the Texas Senate in 1974. The Texas Farmers Union presented Senator Farabee with the "Outstanding Legislative Service Award" in 1975 and he also received the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association's "Texas Distinguished Legislator Award." He was recently named "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. He currently serves as chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and as a member of the Finance and Natural Resources Committees. A native of his district, he represents 29 counties.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Board Member, Wichita County 4-H Livestock Association
Board Member, Wichita Falls Housing, Inc., Non-profit Corp.
Past President, North Texas Estate Planning Council
Past President, Non-profit Education Television Station, KIDZ-TV
Past President, Wichita County Bar Association
Texas and American Bar Associations
Member, Law and Justice Committee, State & Federal Association of the National Conference of State Legislatures
Coordinating Commission for State Health and Welfare Services
Legislative Budget Board
Texas Judicial Council

EDUCATION:
Midwestern University
University of Texas, BBA, LLB

RELIGION:
Baptist

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 22, 1932

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

ADDRESS:
Wichita Falls, Texas 76307

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 30
ROBERT J. "BOB" GLASGOW

Newly-elected Senator Bob Glasgow, a native of Stephenville, has spent most of his life in North-Central Texas. After serving three years in the United States Army, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967 from T.S.U. and a JD from the University of Texas School of Law in 1970. During his college career, Senator Glasgow served as class president, student body president, and twice was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Senator Glasgow has also served as Administrative Assistant to Governor Preston Smith and as District Attorney for seven years for the 29th Judicial District which serves Hood, Palo Pinto, and Erath Counties.

ADDRESS:
Stephenville, Texas 76401

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
February 28, 1942

EDUCATION:
Tarleton State University, BA
University of Texas, JD

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Optimist Club
Chairman, Board of Directors
Pecan Valley MH-MR
Stephenville Chamber of Commerce
Erath County Livestock Association
Texas, American, and Erath County Bar Associations
Texas District and County Attorneys Association
Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
Texas Game Wardens Association
Texas Narcotics Officers Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 22
O. H. "IKE" HARRIS

Active in the Legislature since elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962, Ike Harris is beginning his eighth session as a Dallas County senator. Senator Harris proved his leadership abilities at Southern Methodist University where he served as president of the law school and student body simultaneously. He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the interim of the 63rd Legislature.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75206

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 5, 1932

EDUCATION:
North Texas State University, BA
S.M.U., LLB

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Dallas Chamber of Commerce
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
President, North Texas State University Alumni Association

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1963–1964
Senate Member—1967–present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 8
ED HOWARD

After serving three terms as a member of the House of Representatives, Ed Howard was elected to the Senate in 1978. During the first half of his four-year term, his major areas of concern were wiretapping, insurance, industrial revenue bonds, and revisions in the method of financing our colleges and universities. Living in Texarkana, with three states bordering his district, Howard was also interested in strengthening interstate compacts between Texas and our neighboring legislatures. During the interim he served as vice-chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission.

ADDRESS:

Texarkana, Texas 75501

OCCUPATION:

Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:

April 13, 1937

EDUCATION:

Abilene Christian University, BS
Southern Methodist University

RELIGION:

Church of Christ

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100
Texarkana Special Education Center, Board Member
Temple Memorial Treatment Center, Board Member
Tri-County Red Cross, Board Member
Kiwanis Club

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

House Member—1969–1974
Senate Member—1979–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 1
Senator Grant Jones, serving his third term in the Senate, has a total of 16 years legislative experience, including his four terms in the House of Representatives. With a Master's degree in business, he passed the Texas Bar Exam and was licensed to practice law in January of 1975. During the 66th session he served as chairman of the Finance Committee. He has been named as one of Texas’ ten best legislators twice by Texas Monthly magazine and once by the Texas Association of Business. A lifelong resident of Abilene, Senator Jones represents 13 counties.

EDUCATION:
S.M.U., BBA
Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania, MBA

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Abilene Association of Insurance Agents
First Security Savings Association
Kiwanis

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1965–1972
Senate Member—1973–present

ADDRESS:
Abilene, Texas 79604

OCCUPATION:
Insurance

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 11, 1922
Senator Glenn Kothmann was first elected to public office in 1956 when he began a five-term tenure in the House of Representatives. A native of San Antonio, he has served in the Senate since 1971. During the 64th legislative session, Senator Kothmann presided over the Senate as President Pro Tempore. Presently, he serves as a Brigadier General in the Texas National Guard.

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, Texas 78220

OCCUPATION:
Investments

DATE OF BIRTH:
May 30, 1928

EDUCATION:
Texas A&M University, BS

RELIGION:
Methodist

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1971–present
JOHN N. LEEDOM

John N. Leedom was elected to the Texas Senate in 1980 after having served five years on the Dallas City Council. He served as President and Chairman of the Board of the National Electronic Distributors Association and also of the National Association of Wholesaler/Distributors. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Young Presidents Organization. His political career includes serving as Republican County Chairman 1962–1966 and as delegate to the Republican National Conventions in 1964 and 1976.

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 27, 1921

EDUCATION:
Rice University, BS

RELIGION:
Grace Bible Church

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Board of Directors, North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
East Dallas Chamber of Commerce
Tax Committee of National Chamber of Commerce
Goals for Dallas
MOWW
Navy League
Advisory Board of MDA

OCCUPATION:
Company President

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981–present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 16
Senatorial District 27 is composed of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, and Jim Wells counties. The South Texas district is one of Texas' most fertile agricultural areas and is also a leader in petroleum production. District 27 is presently without a senator due to the resignation of Raul L. Longoria of Edinburg. Senator Longoria served in the Senate from 1973 to 1981, when he resigned to become a State District Judge. A special election will be held in the spring of 1981 to choose a successor.
OSCAR MAUZY

Senator Oscar Mauzy, who entered the Texas Senate in 1967, has served five sessions as chairman of the Senate Education Committee. His political career includes participating in the 1972 and 1976 Democratic National Conventions as a delegate. Senator Mauzy, a Dallas attorney, served as President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the 63rd session. He has introduced and passed legislation involving public school finance, judicial reform, consumer protection, and health care.

ADDRESS:
Dallas, Texas 75202

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 9, 1926

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BBA, LLB

RELIGION:
Unitarian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Kiwanis Club
Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity
Delta Theta Phi
V.F.W.

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1967–present

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 23
PEYTON McKNIGHT

Senator Peyton McKnight, a Texas House member from 1949 to 1950, returned to the Legislature after 21 years when elected to the Senate in 1972. He served on the Texas A&M Board of Regents from 1967 until his senatorial election. Senator McKnight became the youngest marshal in U.S. history when appointed U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas in 1953. The Tyler senator has served as chairman of both the State Affairs Subcommittee on Nominations and the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy, and has served as chairman of the Senate Tax Study Interim Committee. He has also served as a member of the Senate State Affairs Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Finance Committee.

ADDRESS:
Tyler, Texas 75710

RELIGION:
Episcopalian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Board of Directors, Scott and White Memorial Hospital
Board of Directors, East Texas Hospital Foundation
All-American Wildcatter Association
American Legion
Mason
VFW
Shriner

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 10, 1924

EDUCATION:
East Texas State University
Texas A&M University, BA
University of Texas Law School

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1949–1950
Senate Member—1973–present

OCCUPATION:
Independent Oil Operator

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 2
BILL MEIER

Senator Bill Meier was first elected to the Texas Senate in 1972. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1966 and presently is engaged in the practice of law in Euless, Texas, with the firm of Meier and Keller. Senator Meier served as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate during the interim of the 65th Legislative Session beginning in the month of December, 1978, and continuing through the regular session of the 66th Legislature to July, 1979. During the interim of the 66th Legislature, he served as a member of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council and as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Delivery of Human Services in Texas.

EDUCATION:
Tarleton State Junior College
University of Texas, BA, JD

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
State Bar of Texas
Tarrant County Bar Association
American Bar Association
American Judicature Society
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
YMCA
Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce
Fort Worth Business and Estates Council

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1973–present
Senator Walter Mengden was elected to the Texas Senate in 1972 after serving two years in the House of Representatives. He was reelected in 1976, receiving more votes than any other candidate for the State Senate in the history of Texas, and was reelected in 1980 without opposition. Senator Mengden is a strong conservative and has been especially active in sponsoring law-and-order legislation. He was named as the "Most Outstanding Member of the Legislature" in both the 64th and 65th sessions by the Texas Lawman, the official publication of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, and as "Law Enforcement's Strongest Supporter in the Senate" in the 66th session by the Texas Prosecutor, the official publication of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association. Senator Mengden has also been active in working for the right of initiative and referendum for the people, a constitutional limitation on state and local taxes, silent prayer in public schools, and the right-to-work.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77027

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 25, 1926

EDUCATION:
University of Texas, BBA, LLB, JD

RELIGION:
Catholic

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1971–1972
Senate Member—1973–present

OCCUPATION:
Attorney, Oil

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 13
JACK OGG

Senator Jack Ogg has served 14 years in the Texas Legislature and is now serving in his fifth session as senator from the 15th Senatorial District. Senator Ogg has authored major legislation concerning health care, education, election laws, and judicial reform. The senator is a member of the Legislative Council and has served as chairman of several important Senate subcommittees. He has chaired interim committees charged with studying the Election Code, the functions of the Legislative Council, Texas beaches, charitable organizations in Texas, and paperwork reduction within state government. Senator Ogg is a partner in a Houston law firm and serves on the board of directors of several business, civic, and philanthropic organizations in Houston.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77027

OCCUPATION:
Attorney and Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 7, 1933

EDUCATION:
University of Houston, BS
South Texas College, LLB, JD

RELIGION:
Episcopal

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Who's Who in American Politics
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
Outstanding Businessman Award, Spring Branch-Memorial Area
One of Five Outstanding Young Texans, 1969

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1967–1972
Senate Member—1973–present

DEMOCRAT  DISTRICT 15
With 15½ years of legislative experience behind him, Senator Carl Parker is serving his second term in the State Senate. As State Representative, he sponsored over 120 statewide measures, including the Consumer Protection Act. The Port Arthur attorney was elected Outstanding House Member of the 64th session by the Texas Lawman's Association and selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 1978 by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

ADDRESS:

Port Arthur, Texas 77640

EDUCATION:

University of Texas, BA, LLB

RELIGION:

Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Chamber of Commerce
Lions Club
Sabine/Neches Conservation Club
State and Local Bar Associations

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:

House Member—1963–1976
Senate Member—1977–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 4
MIKE RICHARDS

Mike Richards is a San Augustine native who worked part-time on Port Arthur docks and county roads to put himself through Abilene Christian College. He graduated in 1959 with a degree in business. Moving to Houston, he began to work his way up in the insurance business. In 1973, he founded the financial consulting firm of Richards, White, and Odem. In 1974, he became Chairman of the Board of Industrial Bank and Trust and, in 1977, Northwest Bank and Trust. In 1978, Richards received the “Freedom Award,” given to the Houston area leader who best exemplifies the principles and ideals upon which this nation was founded. More recently, he received the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce “Americanism Award.” Twice, Richards has been selected as one of the “outstanding young men in America.” Richards currently serves on the National Development Board of Abilene Christian University and the Board of Trustees of York College, York, Nebraska.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77027

OCCUPATION:
Financial/Estate Planning Consultant

DATE OF BIRTH:
July 14, 1937

EDUCATION:
Abilene Christian College, BS

RELIGION:
Church of Christ

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Board of Directors, Youth for Christ
Houston Association of Life Underwriters
Million Dollars Round Table
National Development Board, Abilene Christian University
Board of Trustees, York College
Chairman of Board, Northwest Bank, Houston
Chairman of Board, Industrial Bank, Houston

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981–present

REPUBLICAN

DISTRICT 7
Senator Tati Santiesteban, a House of Representatives member for six years, has been a Senate member since 1973. A practicing attorney in El Paso, the University of Texas Law School graduate has served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Criminal Matters. In 1973, Senator Santiesteban was named Outstanding Ex-Student of his El Paso high school. Senator Santiesteban served as President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the interim of the 64th legislative session.

ADDRESS:
El Paso, Texas 79901

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 3, 1934

EDUCATION:
New Mexico Military Institute, BA
University of Texas, JD

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
League of United Latin American Citizens
Kiwanis Club
El Paso Chamber of Commerce
Coronado Optimist Club
Director, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
American Trial Lawyers Association
Director, Alternative House (Drug Rehabilitation Program)
American Association of Criminal Defense Counsel

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1967–1972
Senate Member—1973–present
BILL SARPALIUS

Newly-elected Senator Bill Sarpalius lived at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch for seven years. After graduating, he was elected State President of the Future Farmers of America, traveling over 76,000 miles representing the 50,000 members of the FFA. At Clarendon College he served as President of the Student Body, and upon graduation from Texas Tech, was selected as an Outstanding Young Man in America. Senator Sarpalius returned to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1972 to teach vocational agriculture. He later served as District Office Manager for the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, traveling the seven-county district helping people with problems dealing with government. An active member of the First United Methodist Church in Hereford, the West Texas Senator is currently employed by Center Plains Industries of Amarillo.

ADDRESS:
Hereford, Texas 79045

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 10, 1948

OCCUPATION:
Businessman/Educator/Agriculture

EDUCATION:
Clarendon College, AS
Texas Tech University, BS
West Texas State University, MS

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Hereford Chamber of Commerce
Lions Club
Big Brothers–Big Sisters
Mason
Past President, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Alumni
Past President, State Future Farmers of America

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 31
Senator E. L. Short, a West Texas farmer and rancher, was elected to the Texas Senate in 1978. While serving for eight years as a member of the Texas House of Representatives, Mr. Short chaired the important Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs. Presently, he is on several Senate committees and is chairman of the Water Subcommittee. Senator Short has been a leader in legislation for higher education, especially for Texas Tech University and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. A native of Tahoka, the Senator is a senior member of the delegation which represents the vast agricultural and energy-producing area of West Texas.

ADDRESS:
Tahoka, Texas 79373

OCCUPATION:
Farmer-Rancher

DATE OF BIRTH:
October 2, 1925

EDUCATION:
Texas A&M University

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Rotary
Chamber of Commerce
Farm Organizer

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1969-1976
Senate Member—1978-present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 28
Senator W. E. "Pete" Snelson of Midland is presently serving his fifth term as a member of the Texas Senate, where he is among the three leaders in seniority. He represents the 25th Senatorial District which includes 35 counties and 59,599 square miles and is the largest senatorial district in the nation. It is also larger than 30 individual states in the nation. During the 66th session, Senator Snelson served as chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and was a member of the Finance and Education Committees. He is also a member of the Legislative Council and is a former member of the Legislative Budget Board and the Sunset Commission. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Southern Regional Education Board, which administers a 14-state compact.

ADDRESS:
Midland, Texas 79701

OCCUPATION:
Advertising and Investments

DATE OF BIRTH:
March 28, 1923

EDUCATION:
University of Texas at El Paso, BA
Northwestern University, MS

RELIGION:
Presbyterian

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Masonic Lodge
Lions Club
Past President, Texas Jaycees

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1961–1962
Senate Member—1965–1966, 1969–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 25
Senator John Traeger has been active in Texas politics for many years, including six years on the Seguin City Council, ten years in the House of Representatives, and eight years in the Senate. Having served as chairman of several major committees, Senator Traeger served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Rules during the 66th session. The South Texas senator represents one of the largest geographical districts in the state. A Retired Brigadier General in the Texas National Guard, Senator Traeger is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference and a Director of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

ADDRESS:
Seguin, Texas 78155

RELIGION:
Methodist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mayor Pro-tem, City of Seguin
Past President, Seguin Lions Club
Exalted Ruler and Trustee, Seguin Elk’s Club
Seguin Chamber of Commerce
Texas Lutheran Athletic Association
“Distinguished Alumni Award,”
Texas Lutheran College

EDUCATION:
Texas Wesleyan College
Texas Lutheran College, BA

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1963–1972
Senate Member—1973–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 21
DEE TRAVIS

At age 29, Dee Travis was elected in 1980 as the youngest member of the Texas State Senate. For seven years, Travis served as the Administrative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Jim Collins in both Washington and Dallas. Travis is a businessman and is involved in numerous civic and community organizations. Dee and Jane are active members of the Garland Road Church of Christ.

ADDRESS:
Garland, Texas 75040

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
January 5, 1951

EDUCATION:
Abilene Christian University, BA

RELIGION:
Church of Christ

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Board of Directors, Richardson Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, Richardson Y.M.C.A.
Richardson Rotary Club
Garland Symphony Sponsor
Garland Civic Theater

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
Senate Member—1981–present
With twelve years of legislative experience, Senator Carlos Truan begins his third term in the Senate. The Corpus Christi insurance man is known for his dedication to the issues relating to health, education, and welfare. He is the author of numerous pieces of legislation including the Texas Bilingual Education Act, Adult Education Act, Breakfast Program in Texas Public Schools, and Payment of Benefits for Hard-to-Adopt Children. As a native of District 20, he has personal knowledge of the needs and resources of his area.

ADDRESS:
Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

OCCUPATION:
Insurance

DATE OF BIRTH:
June 9, 1935

EDUCATION:
Texas A&I University, BA

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
League of United Latin American Citizens
Board of Directors, Corpus Christi Catholic Charities
Nueces County Community Action Agency

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1969–1976
Senate Member—1977–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 20
R. L. "BOB" VALE

Senator Bob Vale was elected to the Senate from San Antonio in 1978, after serving six terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. Beginning his career in state politics in 1964, Vale served on every major committee during his tenure in the House and, prior to his election to the Senate, ranked eighth in seniority among the 150 members of the House. During the 66th session he served on the Senate Committees on Administration, Education, and Natural Resources.

ADDRESS:
San Antonio, Texas 78205

OCCUPATION:
Attorney

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 4, 1931

EDUCATION:
St. Mary's University
St. Mary's University School of Law, LLB

RELIGION:
Catholic

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1964–1978
Senate Member—1979–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 26
Beginning his fourth session in the Texas Senate, Lindon Williams has more than a decade of legislative experience, including four terms in the House. Senator Williams served with distinction as chairman of the Committee on Business and Industry while in the House. The Houston businessman was appointed as vice chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee for the 65th and 66th sessions. Senator Williams, an active civic leader in his community, represents the 6th Senatorial District in Harris County.

ADDRESS:
Houston, Texas 77015

OCCUPATION:
Businessman

DATE OF BIRTH:
December 27, 1932

EDUCATION:
University of Houston

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
Mason
YMCA
American Legion
V.F.W.
Eagles
Elks
Rotary
Chamber of Commerce
Boy Scouts

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1965–1974
Senate Member—1975–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRICT 6
JOHN WILSON

John Wilson of La Grange brings to the Texas Senate eight years of experience in the House of Representatives. Wilson was chosen as one of the Ten Best Legislators of the 64th and 65th sessions by *Texas Monthly* magazine. While in the House, he served as chairman of the Committee on Health and Welfare during the 65th session. Wilson was responsible for the creation of the Public Utility Commission and also sponsored the Texas Sunset Act, which calls for the periodic review and reassessment of state agencies.

ADDRESS:
La Grange, Texas 78945

OCCUPATION:
Businessman–Rancher

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 7, 1939

EDUCATION:
University of Texas

RELIGION:
Baptist

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:
La Grange Chamber of Commerce
Independent Cattlemen's Assn. of Texas
National Rifle Association—Life Member
Ducks Unlimited
Gulf Coast Conservation Assn.

LEGALISATIVE EXPERIENCE:
House Member—1973–1980
Senate Member—1981–present

DEMOCRAT

DISTRIBUT 18
THE TEXAS SENATE

The Texas Senate is composed of 31 members who represent 31 separate geographical districts in the state. Districts vary in size from nearly 200 square miles in the larger metropolitan areas to 59,599 square miles in West Texas. At the time of the last redistricting, each district contained 361,184 constituents. In 1981, the 67th Legislature will use the results of the 1980 census to draw new district boundaries accommodating changes in population.

The backgrounds of the men and the woman who serve in the Texas Senate are as wide and varied as the districts themselves. But their knowledge, interests, and abilities are drawn together for one common purpose—the betterment of not only their individual districts but the state as a whole.

FACTS ABOUT THE SENATE OF THE 67th LEGISLATURE

AGE:
Average age: 47
Oldest: 68
Youngest: 30

There are 5 Senate members between 30 and 39 years of age
  14 Senate members between 40 and 49
  10 Senate members between 50 and 59
  1 Senate member 60 and over

OCCUPATIONS: 13 Senators are Attorneys
  9 Senators are Businessmen
  2 Senators are in Insurance
  1 Senator is Farmer-Rancher
  1 Senator is in Investments
  1 Senator is a Housewife
  1 Senator is an Independent Oil Operator
  1 Senator is in Advertising
  1 Senator is a Financial Consultant

EXPERIENCE:
The average number of years of legislative experience is just over 9 years, with legislative service ranging up to 20 years.
DISTRICT 1 is composed of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Harrison, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties.

DISTRICT 2 is composed of Collin, Gregg, Hunt, Rains, Rockwall, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties.

DISTRICT 3 is composed of Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler Counties.

DISTRICT 4 is composed of Chambers, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange Counties.

DISTRICT 5 is composed of Austin, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Falls, Freestone, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton Counties.

DISTRICT 6 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 7 is composed of Fort Bend County and part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 8 is composed of part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 9 is composed of Ellis, Limestone and Navarro Counties and part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 10 is composed of part of Tarrant County.

DISTRICT 11 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 12 is composed of part of Tarrant County.

DISTRICT 13 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 14 is composed of Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Hays and Travis Counties.

DISTRICT 15 is composed of part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 16 is composed of part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 17 is composed of Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Galveston and Matagorda Counties and part of Harris County.

DISTRICT 18 is composed of Bastrop, Bell, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Milam, Victoria and Williamson Counties.
DISTRICT 19 is composed of part of Bexar County.

DISTRICT 20 is composed of Bee, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio and Willacy Counties.

DISTRICT 21 is composed of Atascosa, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Guadalupe, Jim Hogg, LaSalle, Live Oak, McMullen, Maverick, Medina, Starr, Webb, Wilson, Zapata and Zavala Counties and part of Bexar County.

DISTRICT 22 is composed of Bosque, Comanche, Cooke, Denton, Eastland, Erath, Hill, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens, Wise and Young Counties.

DISTRICT 23 is composed of part of Dallas County.

DISTRICT 24 is composed of Brown, Coleman, Concho, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, McCulloch, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Runnels, San Saba and Taylor Counties.

DISTRICT 25 is composed of Bandera, Brewster, Coke, Comal, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Llano, Loving, Mason, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler Counties.

DISTRICT 26 is composed of part of Bexar County.

DISTRICT 27 is composed of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo and Jim Wells Counties.

DISTRICT 28 is composed of Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

DISTRICT 29 is composed of El Paso and Hudspeth Counties.

DISTRICT 30 is composed of Archer, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Childress, Clay, Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita and Wilbarger Counties.

Texas Senatorial Districts