

PROCLAMATION

APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON FISCAL STABILITY

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16, House Rules, I, Joe Straus, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, create the House Select Committee on Fiscal Stability.

While Texas has fared better than most states, its current economic condition is cause for concern. According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts' recent revenue estimate, Texas will face a substantial decrease in the amount of available revenue next biennium. Declining revenues and increased population growth coupled with other major budgetary demands will substantially strain the state's budget next cycle. In preparation for the next biennium, the Legislature must determine whether the recent and anticipated shortfalls are simply the product of the ongoing recession or whether state resources simply cannot keep pace with increasing demands.

The committee shall:

- (1) assess the state's ability to meet its current and future budget obligations; and
- (2) determine whether the past and anticipated budget shortfalls are due primarily to the current economic recession or a more systemic problem.

The committee shall have 15 members.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Fiscal Stability:

The Honorable John Otto, Chair
The Honorable Sylvester Turner, Vice Chair
The Honorable Angie Chen Button
The Honorable Gary Elkins
The Honorable Kirk England
The Honorable Jim Keffer
The Honorable Phil King
The Honorable Eddie Lucio III
The Honorable Marisa Marquez
The Honorable Rene Oliveira
The Honorable Tan Parker
The Honorable Ken Paxton
The Honorable Jim Pitts
The Honorable Marc Veasey
The Honorable Mike Villarreal

The committee shall file a final report in the manner provided by Rule 4, Section 61, House Rules, not later than December 1, 2010.

The committee expires on the earlier of the date its final report is released or the date the 82nd Legislature convenes.

January 12, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Straus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House