



State Representative Lyle Larson  
TX HD-122

03.15.2011

Weekly Recap #9

**What's new in District 122**

Finally! We have reached the deadline to file legislation for the 82nd Legislative Session. Over 7,000 bills were filed in the House and Senate. Of those, we are carrying 32, all of which we believe will provide positive change for all Texans.

As we discussed in last week's newsletter, the committees I sit on (Natural Resources and Culture, Recreation and Tourism) dealt with issues of great importance to San Antonio. During last week's Natural Resources meeting, the committee listened to several hours of testimony about the proposal to allow voters to elect to dissolve the BexarMet board and enable SAWS to assume provision of water and waste water services. After much deliberation, the bill has been set for a vote today. If it is voted out by the committee, it will be sent to the Local and Consent Calendars Committee to be set for a vote by the full House.

As part of our Culture, Recreation and Tourism meeting, the Committee heard a presentation on the state of the Alamo. Several Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) were present. We greatly appreciate all the DRT members have done over the last century to care for the nation's greatest battle site and look forward to helping them continue their excellent work.

**The Last of our Legislative Package**

Today, I will present HB 1547 before the House Natural Resources Committee. This bill will have a profound impact on the future on water planning in the state of Texas.

**HB 3188: Keep the EPA out of Texas!**

This legislation would allow Texas agencies like the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to refuse to administer federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) greenhouse gas regulatory programs. We believe environmental management is the

sole responsibility of the states, as evidenced by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution. This bill would put the power back in our hands.

### **HJR 12: The Resign to Run Bill**

HJR 12 requires that anyone who holds state office will be forced to resign if they announce their candidacy for another elective office with more than a year left on their term. Currently, anyone running for a higher office, other than county officials, are able to continue holding office while they spend as much time as they want on the campaign trail. They may skip meetings and important business related to the office they hold. HJR 12 bill would end this practice. If this bill is successful, officeholders will be required to resign while they campaign and won't be able to take advantage of incumbency or fail to fulfill the duties of their elected office.

### **HJR 149: Better Budgeting for Texas**

This legislation would require members of the Legislature to meet for a mid-biennium special session if the Comptroller releases revenue estimates that are more than 5 percent below or above the projected revenue estimate. HJR 149 would provide a better planning process for the Legislature to use when we face declining revenues. It would also allow us to fund some of the items we will cut during the budgeting process if revenues exceed their projection.

### **Other Legislative News**

Last week, I coauthored the following bills:

- HB 1937 and HB 1938 by Rep. Simpson which would prohibit the use of whole-body scanners in airports.

Last week, we were visited by several University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) alumni, nurses from the Texas Association of Nurses, members of the San Antonio League of Women Voters and representatives of SAMM Ministries.



With leadership of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital



With members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

If we may be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact our Capitol office at (512) 463-0646 or [lyle.larson@house.state.tx.us](mailto:lyle.larson@house.state.tx.us). Please continue to let us hear from you!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyle Larson', written in a cursive style.