

# CAPITOL NEWSLETTER

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## 3 Weeks Until Sine Die

### *Constituents of District 36,*

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the Texas House. With the end of this legislative session fast approaching, we have already debated most of the key pieces of legislation. Since our last newsletter, the House has passed:

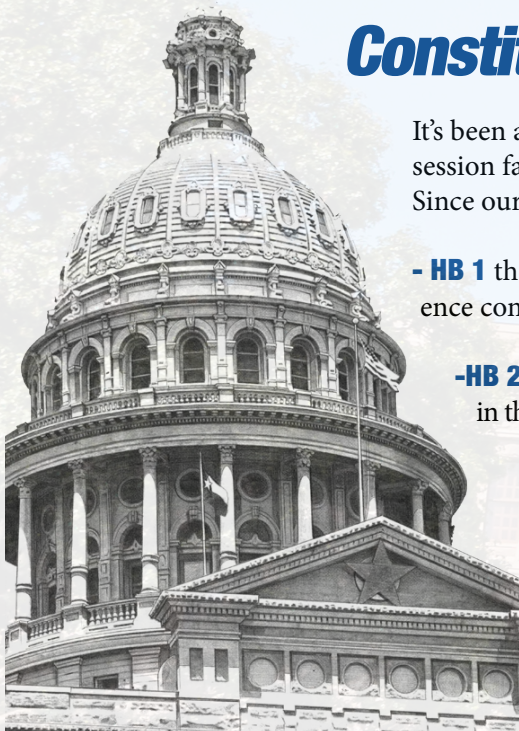
**- HB 1** the Texas House version of the state budget. The budget is currently in conference committee where the House and Senate will work out any differences.

**- HB 21** by Rep. Dan Huberty, a bill that overhauls the school finance system. This is a step in the right direction to ensure that we provide our students with a quality education.

**- SB 4** the anti-sanctuary cities bill that requires that our local law enforcement officers enforce federal immigration laws. I voted against this bill.

**- HB 1774** a bill that limits homeowners from suing their insurance company, I voted against this bill.

*Steve Martin*



## HB 296 Passed in the Texas House



On May 4th, the Texas House passed HB 296, which prohibits business from deceptively advertising nitrous oxide, also known as "whip-its", for recreational use. I authored this legislation to deter abuse of this dangerous and easily accessible inhalant, a popular drug among young adults.



# Bill Updates

Below are a few bills that have been voted favorably out of their respective committees and are pending a debate on the House floor.



## HB 2703

creates transparency by making an explanation of the reasons the court dispensed with the issuance of a bond mandatory.

The court must issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the receiver's appointment. HB 2703 basically serves to clarify why each party is to pay a specific amount for the protection of their property.



## HB 1056

ensures that the comptroller has accurate information regarding certain conservation and reclamation districts that are authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain. HB 1056 will restore eminent domain authority to: Hidalgo County Irrigation

District No. 6, Hidalgo County Municipal Utility District No. 1, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 16, Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 5, and Valley Acres Irrigation



## HB 1398

improves the delivery time in which healthcare providers would be reimbursed for the services provided to Medicaid patients. The process and payment of claims for reimbursement to providers under the Medicaid program would be drastically improved.

## HB 1649

will ensure that insurance plans are only seeking recoupment on claims that are actually overpaid by prohibiting an HMO, or, health insurance plan from conducting a sample audit of a healthcare provider's claims and then extrapolating those findings across the remaining un-reviewed portion of the provider's claims.



## HB 1145

instructs the judges of the current district courts in Hidalgo County to designate one of the district courts to give preference to family law matters. HB 1145 basically seeks to ensure that a court be given preference to family law matters to better address the needs of families and increase efficiency.



## HB 2492

amends the Insurance Code so that an insurer must adopt adequate standards concerning network contracted physicians and health care providers. Furthermore, this will ensure that insurers provide availability and accessibility of contracted physicians and health care providers within a preferred provider facility.



## HB 490 Passed in the Texas House

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