

A Call to ACTion
TFRW Leadership Day
Legislation Workshop
January 25, 2020



TFRW

- Provides the avenue for women to **influence policy**, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas
- Supports working at the grassroots level and **influencing legislation** at our state Capitol
- Provides the structure and support for political activists to **learn, engage, and flourish**

LEARN - What to know & how to know it

- Know who represents you and your membership
- Subscribe to your elected officials' email lists
- Follow legislators on social media
- Use Congress.gov and Texas Legislature Online to learn about the legislative process
- Watch committee hearings online, attend in person
- Follow the news (internet, paper, television, talk radio)
- Read NFRW and TFRW emails and newsletters

Find your resources on the Internet!

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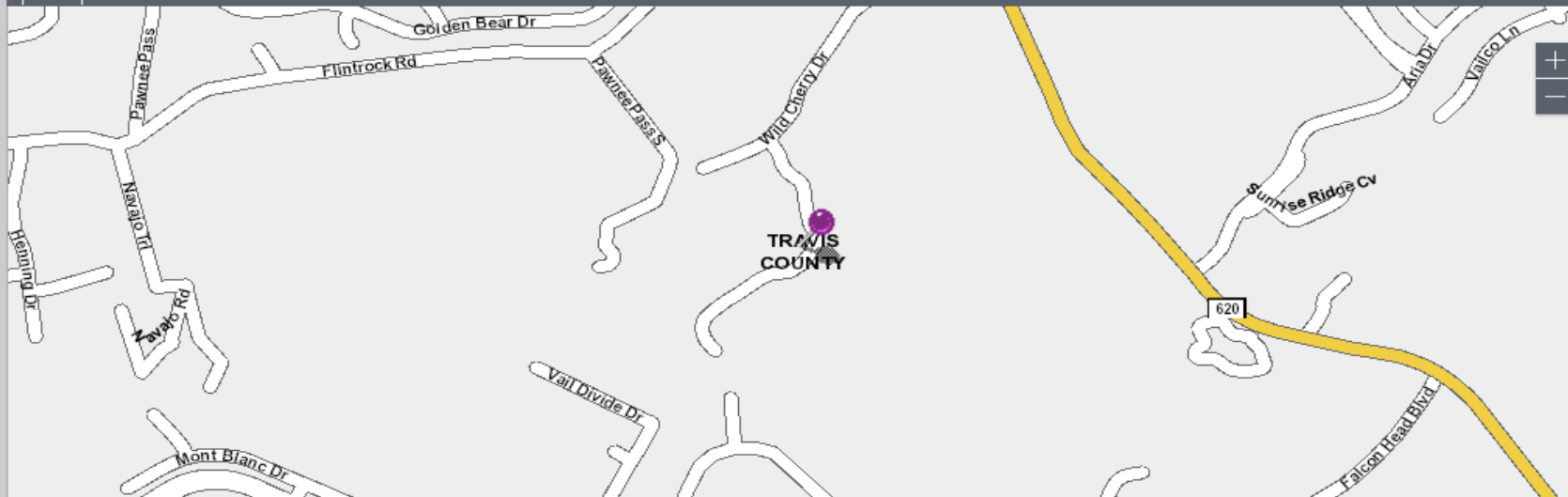
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Good to know

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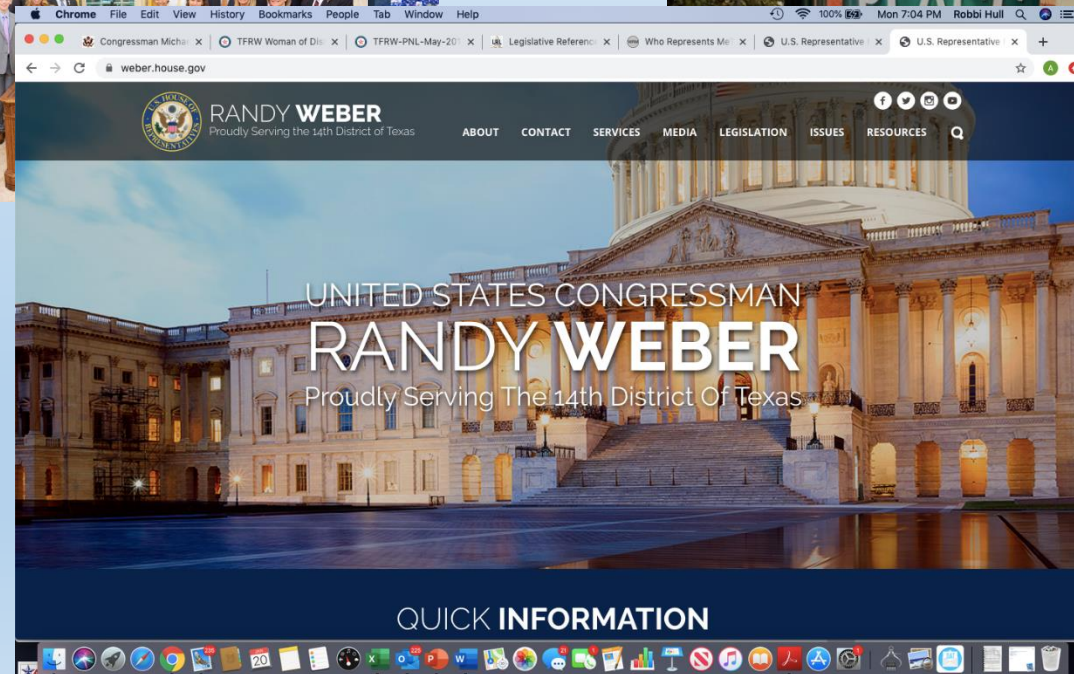
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U.S. Congressional District 25

Representative Vikki Goodwin
Texas House District 47

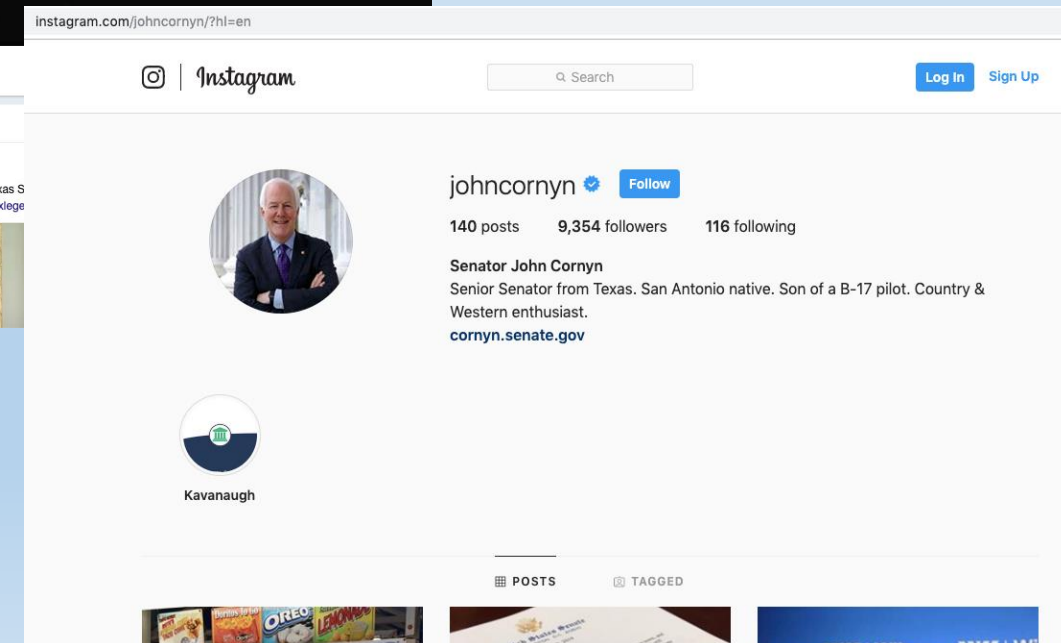
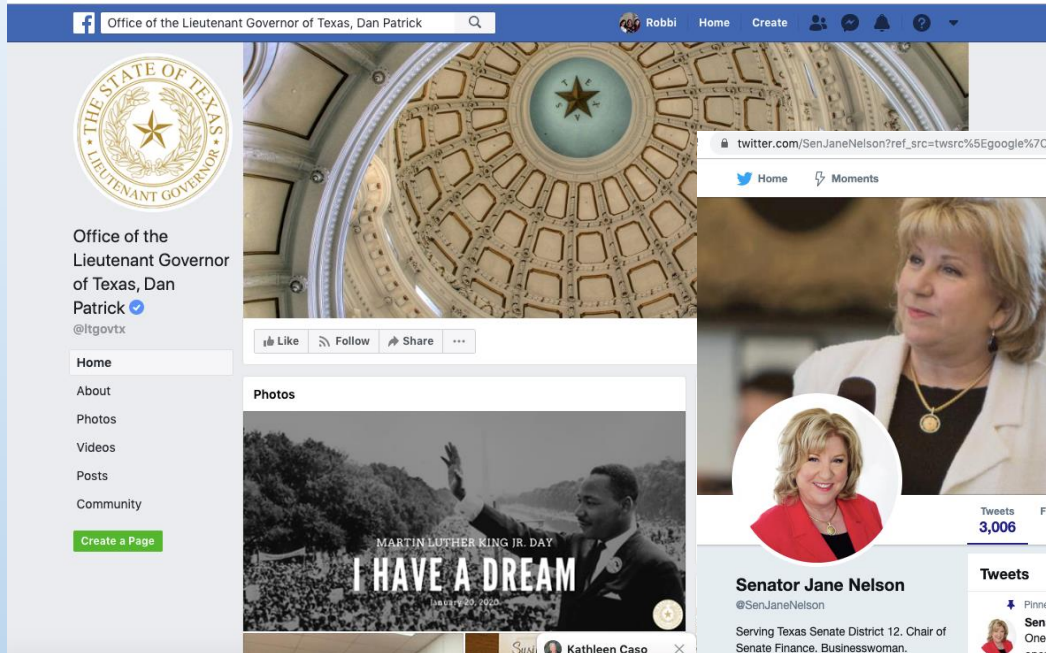
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Texas Senate District 24

Mr. Tom Maynard
State Board of Education District 10

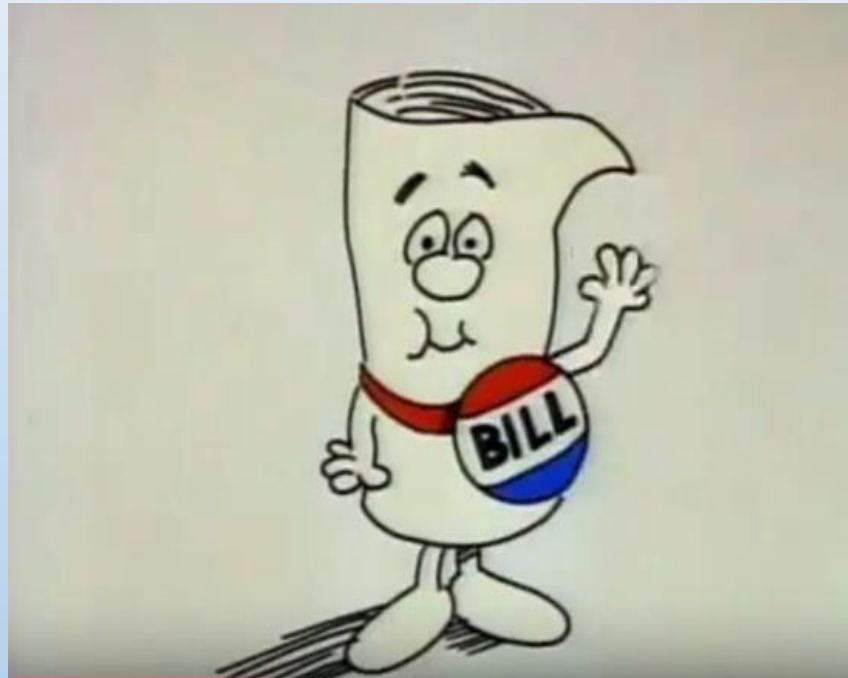
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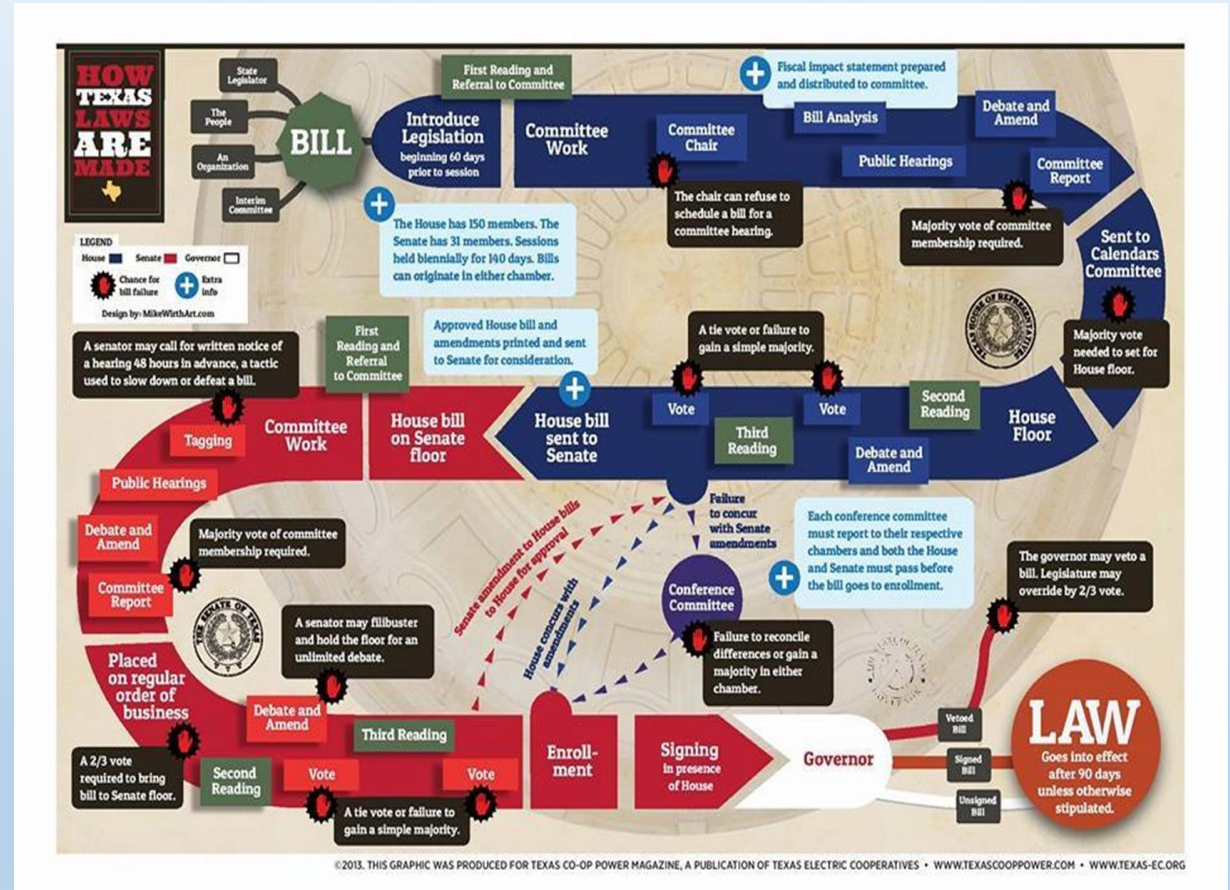
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Learn the basics of the legislative process



"Im just a bill" is a 1976 Schoolhouse Rock!



The basics of the federal legislative process

- A congress lasts for two years, commencing in January of the year following the biennial election of Members. A Congress is divided into two regular sessions
- We currently are in the 116th Congressional Session which convened on January 3, 2019 and will end on January 3, 2021
- The Constitution authorizes each House to determine the rules of its proceedings. The House adopts its rules anew each Congress. The Senate operates under continuous standing rules that it amends from time to time
- Although both bodies have equal legislative powers, the Constitution provides that only the House may originate revenue bills. By tradition, the House also originates appropriation bills.

Congress.gov – What Congress is up to

The screenshot displays the Congress.gov website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Congress.gov logo, "Advanced Searches", and "Browse" links. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "Current Legislation" and a search button. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Most-Viewed Bills" featuring links to H.R. 1865, S. 1790, and H.R. 2500; "Bill Searches and Lists" with filters for House and Senate, and links for Introduced, Public Laws, U.S. Code, and Appropriations; "Current Legislative Activities" for the 116th Congress (2019-2020), which includes "House of Representatives" and "Senate" sections with "Not in Session Video Archive" and meeting schedules; "Recent" news with links to "Yesterday in Congress", "Bill Texts", "Committee Schedule", "Calendars and Schedules", "Committee Reports", "Roll Call Votes", and "Presented to President"; "The Congressional Record" section; and a "Contact Your Member" section with links for Representatives and Senators. A "News from the Law Library" section is also visible at the bottom right. The browser's address bar shows the URL "congress.gov" and several open tabs.

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Current Legislation Examples: hr5, sres9, "health care" MORE OPTIONS

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[H.R.1865](#) [116th] Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020
[S.1790](#) [116th] National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020
[H.R.2500](#) [116th] National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020

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Current Legislative Activities
116th Congress (2019-2020)

House of Representatives

Next Meeting: Jan. 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM EST
Previous Meeting: [Jan. 10, 2020](#)

House Links
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Senate

Next Meeting: Jan. 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM EST
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Read the [latest legislative activity](#).

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Contact by email and telephone.
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News from the Law Library

January 6, 2020 by Andrew Weber
Linking into Legislation: [Back to top](#)
New, Tip, and Top 19 in 2019
Robert shared the recent Congress.gov

The basics of the Texas legislative process

- The Texas Legislature meets for 140 days every 2 years in odd-numbered years. The 2021 session begins January 12th and concludes May 31st. During the regular session, any bill may be considered by the Legislature.
- Committee Assignments in the Senate & House
- Deadline for filing of unrestricted bills is March 12th, the 60th day of the session
- In 2019, 10,877 bills were filed. Only 4,581 were completed with 58 of those vetoed.

State – TLO and LRL

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86th Legislature Regular Session
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Who Represents Me?

Enter your address to find [who represents you](#) in the legislature.

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- [Texas State Auditor's Office](#)
- [Texas Senate](#)
- [Texas House of Representatives](#)
- [Legislative Budget Board](#)
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Contact Us

Mon. - Thurs. 7:30am – 7pm
Fri. 7:30am – 5pm
Phone: (512) 463-1252
Bill status hotline: 1-877-824-7038 in Texas

During session, the library will remain open until 7pm, or until both chambers adjourn for the day.

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Bill Number:

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Your Texas Bills ([View All](#))

Stance	Bill	Summary	Action
	SB10	Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.	2019-03-06 Received from the Senate
	SB3	Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher and librarian salaries.	2019-03-05 Received from the Senate
	HB2	Relating to ad valorem taxation.	2019-02-27 To House Ways & Means
	SB483	Relating to permits for certain injection wells that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.	2019-02-14 To Senate Water & Rural Affairs Committee
	SB1	General Appropriations Bill.	2019-02-14 To Senate Finance Committee

Most Monitored Texas Bills

Bill	Summary	Text
SB3	Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher and librarian salaries.	Bill Text
HB1271	Relating to the award of good conduct time to certain inmates; changing parole eligibility.	Bill Text
SB90	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing organizations...	Bill Text
HB357	Relating to the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the firearm and to criminal offenses otherwise related to the carrying of a firearm; creating criminal offenses.	Bill Text
HB63	Relating to the civil and criminal penalties for possession of certain small amounts of marihuana and an exception to prosecution for possession of associated drug paraphernalia; creating a criminal offense.	Bill Text
HB209	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing organizations...	Bill Text
HB49	Relating to daylight saving time.	Bill Text
SJR8	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate the possession, cultivation, and sale of cannabis.	Bill Text
HB1792	Relating to the authority of certain advanced practice registered nurses.	Bill Text
SB116	Relating to industrial hemp; requiring an occupational license; authorizing fees.	Bill Text

Texas Sessions

Year	Session	Introduced	Completed	Legislation	Search	Dataset
2019-2020	86th Legislature	8733	1021	Browse	Search	Download
2017	85th Legislature 1st Special Session	1247	668	Browse	Search	Download
2017-2018	85th Legislature	10672	4734	Browse	Search	Download

Most Viewed Texas Bills

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HB1705	Relating to abolishing the regulation of the practices of barbering and cosmetology.	Bill Text
SB90	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing organizations...	Bill Text
HB2	Relating to ad valorem taxation.	Bill Text
HB1271	Relating to the award of good conduct time to certain inmates convicted of an offense committed when younger than 18 years of age; changing parole eligibility.	Bill Text

ENGAGE –

- Build a productive working relationship with each official and his or her staff.
- Meet with them individually, invite them to your meetings, attend their town hall meetings.
- Get to know staff members and communicate with them regularly.
- Provide brief written materials and background research to support your issue.
- Attend hearings, forums and events in your area.

FLOURISH –

- Share your information! Become the knowledgeable source.
- Contribute articles for your club's newsletter, website, and social media platforms.
- Encourage club members to participate in the legislative process and become effective advocates.
- Promote and participate in TFRW's Legislative Day in Austin.
- Report your hours, there is strength in numbers!

TFRW – Inspire. Unite. Achieve.



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