

The Pace is Picking Up in the 86th Legislature!



During a recent press conference Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen discussed their priorities for the 86th legislative session.

Governor Abbott Announces “Emergency Items” for the 86th Legislature

In his recent State of the State speech Governor Abbott highlighted his five "emergency items" he wants legislators to focus on - school finance, higher teacher pay, school safety after last year's gun massacre at Santa Fe High, limits on property tax increases, and improving disaster response and resiliency after 2017's punishing storm, Hurricane Harvey. With this designation, lawmakers are freed from a constitutional restriction against voting out bills during the first 60 days of their 140-day session. They can now move faster on these five topics.

To read Governor Abbott's remarks go to:

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-greg-abbott-delivers-state-of-the-state-address>

Senate and House Committees Announced

Lt. Gov. Patrick and Speaker Bonnen have announced their chambers' committee assignments. Do you know the committee assignments for your Senators and Representatives?

Senate Committees: <https://senate.texas.gov/committees.php>

House of Representatives Committees: <https://house.texas.gov/committees/>

Now is a great time to contact your legislators to learn more about their priorities for this session and learn how you and your club can help their efforts. To follow the progress of the 86th Legislature check out these websites:

<https://house.texas.gov/>

<https://senate.texas.gov/>

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