



Capitol Comments

HOUSE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS RELEASED

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After much anticipation, House Committee assignments were released on Wednesday. I am happy to announce that I have been appointed to the House Transportation Committee and the House Business & Industry Committee. I am especially honored to have been named Vice Chairman of the Business & Industry Committee.

The Business & Industry Committee has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to industry and manufacturing, identity theft, relationships between employers and employees, oversight of the construction industry, and several other related matters. My 30 years of business experience in the finance and investment management fields will be an asset in my role as Vice Chairman of this important committee.

During the interim, I served on the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures and Finance. As a member of this committee, I came to understand that there are really two big issues facing the Texas transportation system. Most people have heard more funding is needed, but the bigger concern to me is the process by which transportation projects are selected for funding.

If we are going to allocate more taxpayer dollars to transportation, we need to be more than confident that these funds will be administered in an objective, transparent manner with accountability for every dollar spent. I look forward to working hard with my fellow Transportation Committee members to find meaningful and lasting solutions for Texas' unique transportation needs.

These committee assignments present me with an exciting opportunity to serve as a voice for my constituents on issues that are critical not only to House District 65, but to the entire state of Texas.

Side Notes:

There has been a lot of media buzz about some bills that have been filed pertaining to handguns. Today I am asking for your thoughts on the matter.

Several bills, such as HB 164, have been filed to allow individuals to openly carry a handgun provided they have a license. These bills basically keep the process for obtaining a Concealed Handgun License the same, only with the caveat that the license will permit the license holder to openly carry a handgun.

This issue is being addressed in a different way with bills like HB 195, which would allow anyone who is legally permitted to purchase a handgun to be able to carry the handgun openly or concealed, without a license or permit.

What do you think the Texas Legislature should do?

- A. The legislature should pass licensed open carry legislation.

- B. The legislature should pass open carry without a license legislation.
- C. Nothing. The legislature should leave things the way they are.
- D. Other/ write-in _____.

As always, please stay in touch with me and feel free to drop by my District Office, follow me on Facebook or find me on the [House Website](#) to hear about upcoming events.

Thank you, it is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Representative.

Best regards,



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