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***Legislative Happenings***

With only 13 days remaining, things are heating up and moving fast as we enter the homestretch of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session. Last Thursday was the deadline for the House chamber to pass all House Bills, and as you can imagine, many bills died at the stroke of midnight. Going forward, the House will continue to debate and vote on Senate Bills. During the final few days of session, conference committees will meet to resolve any differences within companion House and Senate bills, and the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session will conclude on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Last week the House adopted legislation that I proudly authored, spurring stable job growth by providing tax relief for small business owners that relocate to Texas. A key segment of Texas Governor Rick Perry's four-point plan for tax relief, this legislation promotes a friendly business climate and I am proud of its passage. Additionally, the House passed House Bill 2371, which I proudly authored, placing tougher penalties on sexual offenders while providing law enforcement with better tools to track these types of offenders.

With the clock ticking, there is much unfinished business to address in these concluding days, including finalizing the state budget, finding an adequate means to fund the State Water Plan and addressing transportation, among many others. I remain optimistic that in these final days the Legislature will work productively to offer real, substantive solutions on these pressing issues, and I encourage you to contact my office with any questions or concerns at [District67.Leach@house.state.tx.us](mailto:District67.Leach@house.state.tx.us) or 512-463-0544.

All my Best,

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