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FLYNN "Special Session is here and I am ready to work"
Ensuring fiscally-conservative principals for transportation funding and proper check-and-balance of state agencies are key issues on hand

Austin – State Representative Dan Flynn is back in Austin in his Capitol Office, ready to pass necessary legislation to help meet Texas' expanding infrastructure demands and ensure proper legislative review of bureaucracy.

"I am prepared to work hard, as always, to keep legislation clean and positive for the people of Texas," commended Flynn. "I will support measures that will offer the best options for funding roads in Texas and are fair to the hardworking taxpayers."

The Special Session was called because the delay tactics the Democrats used to keep Voter ID from being debated on the Floor during the Regular Session (January through May of this year). Stalling of consideration of crucial measures in addition to Voter ID kept two bills from being heard - one that was crucial to Texas' ability to fund transportation projects and the other, which achieved a statutory requirement that each state agency be given a review date.

Flynn stated: "While it is frustrating to be back here when we could have easily heard and voted on these two bills during the regular session, I am more than glad to represent House District 2 during this important time. It is my intention to support these 2 bills, so long as they remain fiscally responsible, fail to use pension funds as a tool for funding toll roads, keep big government in check, and stay true to the taxpayers."

HB 1 is the enabling legislation for Proposition 12, a Constitutional Amendment approved by Texas voters in 2007, which provides \$5 billion in general issuance bonds to provide for highway improvement. Enabling legislation is required in order for the state to move forward and issue these bonds and help our infrastructure grow.

The bill does not permit the use of pension funds, does not allow the use of taxpayer dollars for advertising for toll roads, and does not remove the moratorium on the Trans-Texas Corridor.

HB 2 is the "Sunset Schedule Bill," which assigns state agencies a specific date for a vigorous review by the Sunset Commission. This "safety net" not only schedules these bureaucracy check and balances, but also ensures the future of agencies whose mission is to protect consumers and the public. In particular, the Texas Department of Insurance, whose own Sunset Bill died on the vine during Democrat chubbing, is included in this bill.

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