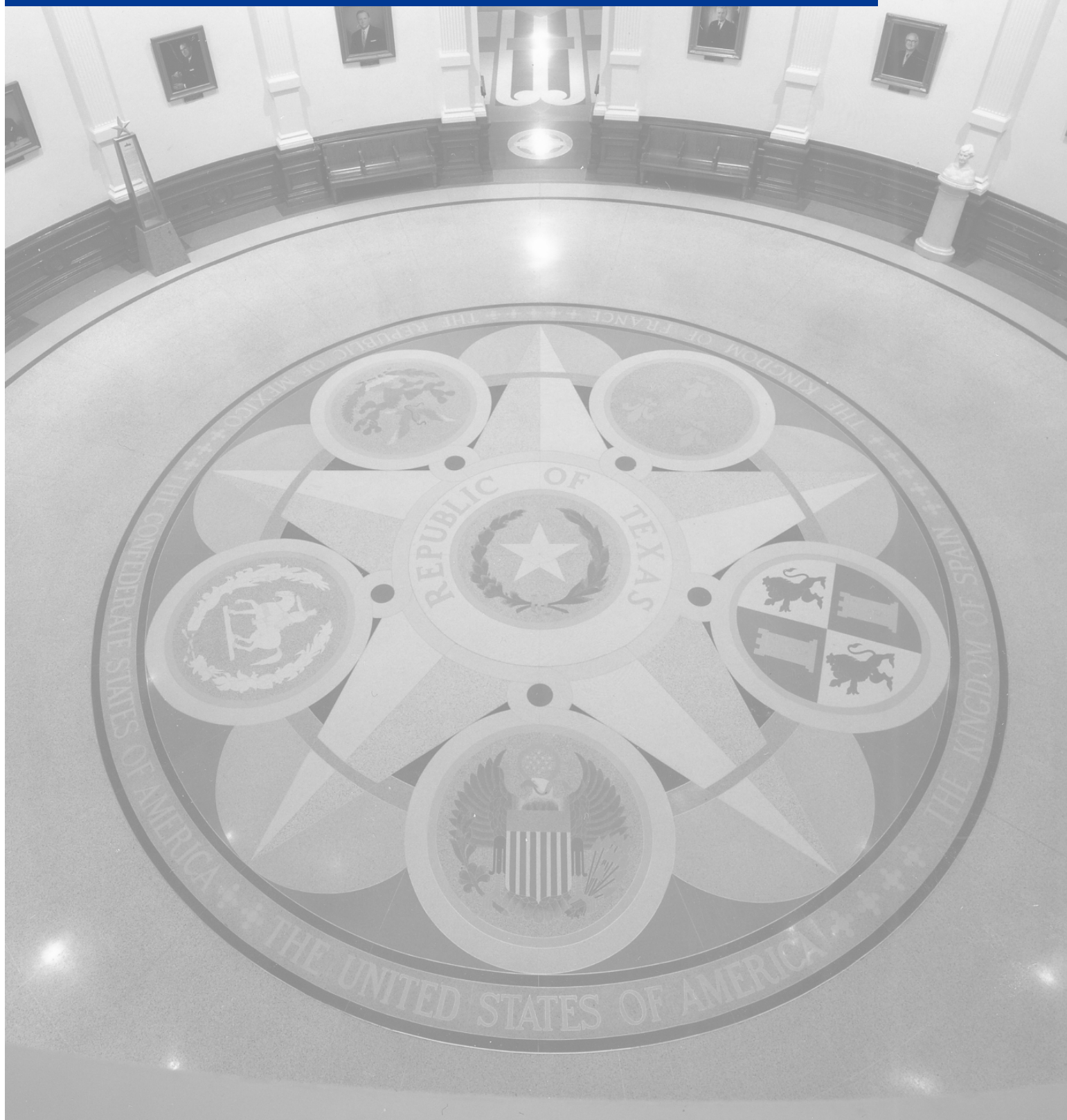


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January 26, 2005 — Driskill Ballroom

Welcome..... Brooke Leslie Rollins
President, Texas Public Policy Foundation

2:00 p.m.
Opening Education Keynote Address.....Dr. Shirley Neeley
Texas Education Commissioner

2:15 p.m.
Panel: A New Approach to School Finance

Participants..... Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Kyle Janek
Representative Kent Grusendorf
Representative Bill Keffer
Dr. Byron Schlomach, Texas Public Policy Foundation
Dr. Eric Hanushek, Hoover Institution
Mr. John Colyandro (moderator), Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute

3:45 p.m.
Panel: Providing Academic Freedom

Participants..... Representative Fred Hill
Mr. Robert Enlow, Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation
Dr. Christopher Hammons, Houston Baptist University
Ms. Carolyn Boyle, Coalition for Public Schools
Mr. Michael Quinn Sullivan (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

Break

5:00 p.m.
Panel: Tax Options in the 79th

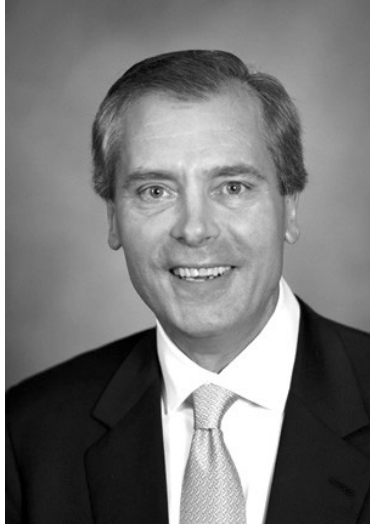
Participants..... Representative Jim Keffer
Mr. David Hartman, The Hartman Foundation
Dr. Richard Vedder, Ohio University
Dr. Byron Schlomach (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

6:30 p.m.
Dinner — On the Mezzanine

Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Senator Ken Armbrister
Keynote Address Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst



Keynote Speakers – January 26



Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst

David Dewhurst was elected lieutenant governor of Texas in 2002. In his capacity as lieutenant governor he serves as president of the Texas Senate, and during the 78th Regular Session, he worked to balance a \$10 billion plus revenue shortfall while protecting essential government services and not raising taxes. Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst also worked to lower skyrocketing homeowners' insurance premiums by gathering bipartisan support for a bill to regulate homeowners' insurance.

Responding to a medical malpractice crisis in Texas, Dewhurst helped the Senate write a bill that capped non-economic damage awards, which helped drive down malpractice premiums while allowing those injured by medical malpractice to be fairly compensated. He also worked with the Senate to implement the "B-on-Time Loan Program," a program that provides college students with zero-interest loans, and then rewards them if they graduate on-time with a "B" average.

As commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, where he served from 1999-2002, Dewhurst reduced the budget and turned back money each fiscal year to Texas' taxpayers. He certified almost \$1 billion in below-market interest rate loans to veterans to stimulate the Texas economy, and helped protect the environment and increase tourism by restoring Texas' beaches and bays.

Dewhurst began his business career in the mid-1970s after serving as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the U.S. State Department. In 1981, he founded Falcon Seaboard, a Texas-based diversified energy and investments company. An early developer in the mid-1980s in the electric co-generation business, he has earned a reputation as an innovative and successful businessman.



Dr. Shirley Neeley, Texas Education Commissioner

Dr. Shirley J. Neeley was named the Texas commissioner of education in January 2004. As commissioner, she heads the Texas Education Agency, which oversees 1,037 school districts and about 200 charter schools.

A former elementary school teacher, assistant principal, and principal, Neeley served as superintendent of Galena Park Independent School District, Texas' largest exemplary district, from 1995 until her appointment as commissioner of education. She was named Texas Association of School Boards' Superintendent of the Year in the fall of 2003. A product of Galena Park ISD, Neeley received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston.

A former president of the Texas Association of Suburban and Mid-Urban Schools, Neeley also served on the Board of the Harris County Youth Program, the Texas Academic Decathlon and as chair of her local hospital Board of Directors. She is a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and has served as a committee member for 12 years.



Panelists — January 26

A New Take on School Finance



Senator Florence Shapiro

Senator Florence Shapiro has dedicated her Senate career to improving public education and creating an alternative to the state's public school finance system. In the 78th Session, she served as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance. A former public school teacher and mayor of Plano, she was also a six-term Plano City Council member and president of the Texas Municipal League before being elected to the Senate in 1993.

Shapiro was recently appointed by Governor Perry to the Southern Regional Education Board, a coalition of elected officials and education leaders that addresses issues such as long-range planning, policy proposals, and the advancement of education among the states. Her leadership has earned her many honors over the years, most recently the Woman of Excellence Award by *Women's Enterprise Magazine* and the Texas Lone Star Leadership Award from Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Shapiro is president of an advertising, public relations, and special events agency, Shapiro & Company.



Senator Kyle Janek

Kyle Janek was sworn in as a state senator in 2002. During the 78th Legislative Session, he worked to balance the state budget, particularly in the area of health and human services, as a member of the Senate Finance Committee. He also served on the Senate Education Committee.

After the 2003 session, Janek received the Texas Hospital Association Board of Trustees' Texas Hospital Advocacy Tribute Award and made the Texas Realtor Honor Roll for his work on issues important to property owners in Texas. The Texas Association of Business designated him a Fighter For Free Enterprise.

A board certified anesthesiologist who is also on the staffs of three hospitals, Janek was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1994. He served for eight years in the House.



Representative Kent Grusendorf

State Representative Kent Grusendorf has represented the citizens of southeast Tarrant County in the Texas House since 1987. Prior to his service in the House, he served on the State Board of Education from 1982 to 1984.

Throughout his public service career, Representative Grusendorf's greatest passion has been for excellence in Texas' education system, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. He founded the Texas Education Reform Caucus, and his colleagues have rewarded this leadership by making him a longtime member of the House Committee on Public Education. In 2003, he became chairman of that committee. In addition, he was entrusted with the chairmanship of the House Select Committee on Public School Finance.



Panelists — A New Take on School Finance, cont.



Representative Bill Keffer

Bill Keffer was elected to the Texas State House of Representatives in 2002. In the 78th Legislature he was a member of the House Insurance, Energy Resources, and Rules and Regulations committees.

Representative Keffer is the managing partner in the Dallas law firm of Miller & Keffer, specializing in environmental litigation across the United States. He graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1981 and earned his J.D. from the University of Texas in 1984.

Bill is a current board member and past president of the Dallas Chapter of the Federalist Society, is a former chairman of his neighborhood crime watch, and is the president of his homeowners' association.



Dr. Byron Schломach, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Byron Schломach is the chief economist for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, for which he has authored a number of important papers and articles on how to make public schools — and government generally — operate more efficiently and responsibly.

Dr. Schломach joined the Foundation staff from the Texas Education Agency. He has also served as a staff member in the Texas Legislature, most recently as the chief of staff to State Representative Kent Grusendorf, the chairman of the House Committee on Public Education. Previously, he was a researcher in the Office of the Texas Comptroller, where he conducted research into education and transportation and was the principal author of a study examining public school start dates.

He has also served as an assistant lecturer in the Texas A&M Department of Economics, and has taught at Austin Community College. Raised in Texas, Byron received both his bachelor's and doctorate degrees in economics from Texas A&M University.



Dr. Eric Hanushek, Hoover Institution

A leading expert on education policy, Dr. Eric Hanushek is the Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University. He is also chairman of the Executive Committee for the Texas Schools Project at the University of Texas at Dallas, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a member of the Koret Task Force on K-12 Education. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Dr. Hanushek previously held academic appointments at the University of Rochester, Yale University, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. His books include *The Economics of Schooling and School Quality*, *Improving America's Schools*, *Making Schools Work*, and *Education and Race*. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, and he completed his Ph.D. in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965-1974.



Panelists — Providing Academic Freedom



Fred Hill has represented the citizens of northern Dallas County in the Texas House since 1989. Prior to his service in the Legislature, he served on the Richardson School Board.

As a state representative, Fred Hill has been a leader on the issues of education, crime, housing, and urban affairs. In the past, Representative Hill has chaired the House Urban Affairs Committee. During the 78th Session, he sat on the House Transportation Committee and chaired the Local Government Ways & Means Committee. In addition, he served on the Legislative Budget Board.

During his tenure, Representative Hill has earned awards from the Texas Municipal League and Texas Police Chiefs Association. He has also received honors as a Top Ten Conservative Legislator of the Year. Representative Hill earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from California Polytechnic University.



Dr. Christopher Hammons, Houston Baptist University

Christopher Hammons is a Senior Research Fellow with the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He writes about education policy and has conducted research on school choice, remedial education, special education, and home schooling. He has also conducted research for the Milton and Rose Friedman Foundation, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, the Alabama Policy Institute, the John Locke Foundation, the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, the Progressive Policy Institute, and the Harvard University Program on Education Policy and Governance.

Dr. Hammons is an associate professor of political science at Houston Baptist University where he teaches courses in statistics, public policy, and constitutional theory. He received a B.A. in Government and History at the University of Texas at Austin in 1991 and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Houston in 1997. His 2002 work for the Texas Public Policy Foundation was the subject of an *NBC Nightly News* special segment.



Mr. Robert Enlow, Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation

In 1996, Robert C. Enlow joined the newly established Milton and Rose D. Friedman Foundation. In December 2003, he became its executive director, overseeing development, programs, and communications activities. Mr. Enlow's editorials and quotes have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Manchester Union-Leader*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *Miami Herald*, and *National Review*. He also serves as a regular guest on local, regional, and national talk radio shows and has testified before several state legislatures and a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

Prior to joining the Friedman Foundation, Robert lived in London, where he worked from 1992-1996 as a social worker and volunteer coordinator for St. Botolph's Project, an organization providing rehabilitative care and services to homeless men, women, and families. While in London, Robert served for three years on the Board of Governors of the Hillmead Infants and Juniors School, a school located in the heart of London's inner city.



Panelists — Providing Academic Freedom, cont.



Ms. Carolyn Boyle, Coalition for Public Schools

Carolyn Boyle is coordinator of the Coalition for Public Schools, a position she has held since 1997. The coalition is comprised of 38 organizations that oppose using public money to fund private school tuition vouchers. She has been a PTA leader in the Austin Independent School District for 13 years, including serving as president of the Doss Elementary PTA and member of the PTSA Executive Committees at Murchison Middle School, Anderson High School, and McCallum High School.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Boyle held professional positions with the Texas Education Agency, state and national education organizations, Brackenridge Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Austin. She is a volunteer with Foundation for the

Homeless and a Sunday School teacher. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin.

Panelists — Tax Options in the 79th



Representative Jim Keffer

James L. "Jim" Keffer was elected to the Texas State House of Representatives in 1996. He served as chairman of the House Committee on Economic Development in the 78th Legislative Session and is an active member of the House Rural Caucus. Representative Keffer has been honored by the Texas Association of Business as a "Fighter For Free Enterprise" and has received a "Freedom and Family Award" from the Texas Eagle Forum.

He is a small businessman and has been President of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc., an iron foundry with plants in Eastland and Albany, Texas, since 1988. He began working with the company following his graduation from Texas Tech University.



Mr. David Hartman, The Hartman Foundation

David A. Hartman holds a B.S. degree from Case Western Reserve University and an MBA from Harvard. During his earlier large corporation experience, he worked in product and process development, market research, strategic planning and plant management, culminating in the position of manufacturing and development director of Mobil Chemicals, Ltd.'s polymer division. Since then he served for 33 years as CEO of successful ventures in manufacturing, transportation, and banking.

Over the past two decades he has increasingly devoted his attention to public policy. His many public affiliations include being chairman of the Lone Star Foundation and the Rockford Institute. His work has been published by the Cato Institute, the Institute for Policy Innovation, the *Lone Star Report*, *Chronicles*, the *Family in America*, and *Tax Notes*.



Panelists — Tax Options in the 79th, cont.



Dr. Richard Vedder, Ohio University

Richard Vedder is a distinguished professor of economics at Ohio University and a Senior Fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He has written extensively on labor issues, authoring such books as *The American Economy in Historical Perspective* and, with Lowell Gallaway, *Out of Work: Unemployment and Government in Twentieth-Century America*.

Dr. Vedder has written over 100 scholarly papers published in academic journals and books. His work has also appeared in newspapers and magazines such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Investor's Business Daily*, and *USA Today*.

Dr. Vedder worked as an economist with the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, with which he maintains a consulting relationship. He has also served as the John M. Olin Visiting Professor of Labor Economics and Public Policy at the Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University in St. Louis.



January 27, 2005 — Driskill Ballroom, Maximilian Room*

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast — On the Mezzanine

Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams
Keynote Address House Speaker Tom Craddick

8:30 a.m.

Concurrent Panels: Future Mobility in Texas

Participants.....Representative Mike Krusee
Mr. Michael Stevens, Governor's Business Council
Mr. Wendell Cox, Wendell Cox Consultancy
Dr. Byron Schломach (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

Reforming Workers' Compensation Insurance*

Participants.....Representative Joe Nixon
The Honorable Bill Hammond, Texas Association of Business
Dr. Keith Rose, The Doctors' Center
Mr. Richard Levy, Texas AFL-CIO
Mr. John Colyandro (moderator), Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute

9:45 a.m.

Concurrent Panels: Should Taxes and Expenditures be Limited?

Participants.....Representative Carl Isett
Colorado Senator John Andrews
Dr. Byron Schломach, Texas Public Policy Foundation
Ms. Peggy Venable (moderator), Americans for Prosperity

Tort Reform 2005 — Asbestos Litigation *

Participants..... Senator Robert Duncan
Representative Bryan Hughes
Representative Joe Nixon
Mr. Walter Olson, Manhattan Institute
Ms. Brooke Rollins (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

Break



January 27, 2005 — Driskill Ballroom, Maximilian Rm.*

11:15 a.m.

Concurrent Panels: New Challenges in Homeowners' Insurance

Participants..... Representative Larry Taylor
Mr. Jose Montemayor, Texas Insurance Commissioner
Mr. Beaman Floyd, Texas Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions
Dr. Patrick Brockett, University of Texas
Mr. Michael Quinn Sullivan (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

New Telecom Technologies, Old Regulations*

Participants..... Representative Phil King
Ms. Diane Katz, Mackinac Center for Public Policy
Dr. Jerry Ellig, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
Mr. Bruce Mehlman, Mehlman Vogel & Castagnetti
Mr. Rick Cimerman, National Cable and Telecommunications Association
Mr. John Colyandro (moderator), Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute

12:30 p.m.

Lunch — On the Mezzanine

Special Remarks..... Mr. Maurice McTigue, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... The Honorable Elizabeth Ames Jones
Keynote Address..... Governor Rick Perry

2:00 p.m.

Opening Health Care Keynote Address..... Mr. Patrick Rooney
Chairman Emeritus, Golden Rule Insurance

2:15 p.m.

Panel: The Future of Medicaid

Participants..... Representative Dianne White Delisi
Representative John Davis
Dr. Michael Bond, Cleveland State University
Ms. Mary Katherine Stout (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation

3:15 p.m.

Panel: Meeting the Needs of the Uninsured

Participants..... Representative Linda Harper-Brown
The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth, former State Representative
Dr. John Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis
Ms. Anne Dunkelberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities
Ms. Mary Katherine Stout (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation



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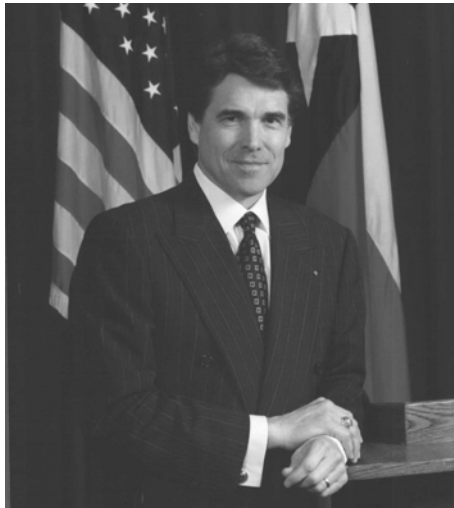
4:15 p.m.

Panel — The Market's Role in Water Policy

Participants Senator Robert Duncan
The Honorable J.E. "Buster" Brown, former State Senator
Representative Bill Callegari
Representative Robert Puente
Ms. Mary Kelly, Environmental Defense
Ms. Brooke Rollins (moderator), Texas Public Policy Foundation



Keynote Speakers – January 27



Governor Rick Perry

Sworn in as the state's 47th governor on December 21, 2000, Rick Perry was elected to a four-year term in November 2002. A fifth generation Texan, Governor Perry's journey has taken him from a tenant farm along the rolling plains of West Texas to the governor's office of our nation's second largest state.

Governor Perry has led a life of public service, serving four and a half years in the U.S. Air Force and nearly two decades in elected office as a state representative, commissioner of agriculture, lieutenant governor, and now governor. He has focused his administration on creating a Texas of unlimited opportunity and prosperity through initiatives to improve education and the Texas job climate, keep taxes low, and ensure state spending is disciplined.

He joined legislators of both parties in passing a balanced budget without a tax hike despite a \$10 billion shortfall in 2003. Governor Perry was recognized at the top of the list of "Ten People Who Have Made a Difference" by *Southern Business Development Magazine*. *Business Facilities Magazine* also recognized the governor's role in attracting Toyota's expansion to San Antonio on the cover of its December 2003 edition.

Before becoming governor, Lieutenant Governor Perry earned high marks as the president of the Senate for his bipartisan leadership. The *El Paso Times* editorialized, "Promises made, promises kept. That is the slogan by which Texas Lt. Governor Rick Perry should be remembered." Rick Perry was first elected to statewide office in 1990, serving as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture for two terms. From 1985 to 1991, he represented a rural West Texas district in the Texas House of Representatives.



Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick

When Tom Craddick of Midland was elected Speaker of the Texas House on in January 2003, he became the first Republican to lead the House in 130 years. He has served in the House for 18 terms — since 1969.

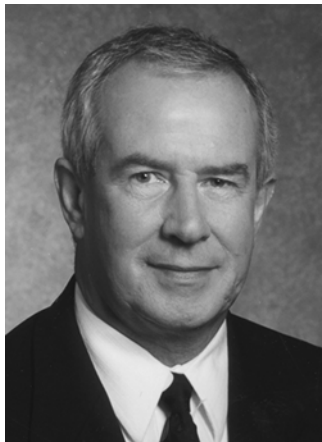
In 1975, then-House Speaker Billy Clayton made Representative Craddick the first Republican committee chair in more than a century, naming him chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, a leadership position he held from the 64th through the 69th Legislatures. Representative Craddick chaired the House Public Health Committee for the 72nd Legislature in 1991 and headed the House Ways and Means Committee in the 73rd, 74th and 75th Legislatures.

Representative Craddick has served on committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures and was a delegate to the 1974 Texas Constitutional Convention. He also was a part of the Texas Legislature's original ethical and legislative reform group, the "Dirty Thirty."

In private life, Craddick is a sales representative for Mustang Mud Inc. and owner of Craddick Properties in Midland. He is an Eagle Scout and has held numerous civic posts in his hometown. In 1995 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Texas Tech.



Keynote Speakers – January 27



Mr. Maurice McTigue, former member, New Zealand Parliament

Maurice McTigue joined the Mercatus Center in 1997 as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar after an illustrious career as a New Zealand Member of Parliament, Cabinet minister, and ambassador. Mr. McTigue led an ambitious and extremely successful effort to restructure New Zealand's public sector and to revitalize its stagnant economy during the 1980s and 1990s.

In 1991, Mr. McTigue accepted the positions of Minister of State Owned Enterprises, Minister of Railways, and Minister of Works and Development, and assumed the Chairmanship of the Cabinet's powerful Expenditure Control Committee. In 1993, he was appointed Minister of Labour and Minister of Immigration. In each ministry, he applied results-based criteria to help clarify the organization's mission, analyze performance, and prioritize activities ac-

cordingly.

In April 1994, he moved to Canada as New Zealand's ambassador; concurrently, he served as non-residential High Commissioner to Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana. In a ceremony at Buckingham Palace in 1999, Queen Elizabeth II bestowed upon Mr. McTigue the prestigious Queen's Service Order in recognition of his public service.

As director of the Government Accountability Project at Mercatus, Mr. McTigue is sharing the lessons of his practical experience with policymakers in the United States.



Mr. Patrick Rooney, chairman emeritus, Golden Rule Insurance

Patrick Rooney is known as the "Father of Medical Savings Accounts." In 1991-1992, he gained national prominence with his proposal of Medical Savings Accounts as a means of solving the nation's crisis of rising medical insurance cost.

In 1998, he proposed that Congress appropriate money in the form of a certificate for uninsured Americans to purchase their own health insurance. Congress is currently working on such legislation, which has become part of President Bush's health care agenda.

Mr. Rooney is also the creator of the first privately funded educational choice program in America. His corporation paid half of the tuition for low-income children in Indianapolis to attend a private or church school of their parents' choice. There are today over 60 privately funded educational choice programs in America with over 40,000 students enrolled, all based on the model Mr. Rooney started.



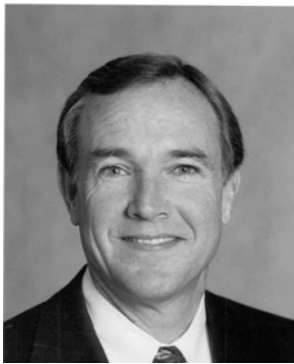
Panelists — Future Mobility in Texas



Representative Mike Krusee

Mike Krusee was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1992. In the 78th Session he served as chairman of the House Transportation Committee and was a member of the Civil Practices and Redistricting committees, and the Select Committee on School Finance.

The Free Enterprise PAC has honored Representative Krusee four times with their “Texas Ten” award, and in 1997, the Texas Public Policy Foundation named him a “Champion of Limited Government.” During the 78th Legislative Session, Representative Krusee helped pass landmark transportation legislation that has been described as the most comprehensive and visionary in Texas history. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), and he also brokered an agreement with the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority which made over \$120 million available for urgently needed regional mobility projects.



Mr. Michael Stevens, Governor’s Business Council

Michael Stevens serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. He is chairman of Michael Stevens Interests, Inc., a real estate development and management company. In 1995, Mayor Bob Lanier tapped Mr. Stevens to be Houston’s first Assistant to the Mayor for Housing and Inner City Revitalization, and he was the driving force for the city’s major downtown revitalization. He is also credited with creating the Homes for Houston program, which built or improved over 20,000 units of affordable housing in Houston.

Stevens’ involvement in state and local transportation issues is extensive. He chairs the Transportation Task Force of the Governor’s Business Council, of which he is vice chairman. He is on the executive committee of the Gulf Coast Regional Mobility Partners, a Houston regional transportation planning and funding group. He also serves on the Greater Houston Partnership Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Committee and on the executive committee of the Texas Urban Transportation Alliance, Inc. which promotes urban transportation efforts statewide.



Mr. Wendell Cox, Wendell Cox Consultancy

Wendell Cox is principal of Wendell Cox Consultancy, an international public policy firm and specializes in urban policy, transport, and demographics. He has provided consulting assistance to the U.S. Department of Transportation and for public authorities in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley appointed him to three terms on the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC). While at LACTC he authored the tax amendment that provided the initial funding for building light rail. He left LACTC in 1985 to begin consulting, largely on the issue of competition in urban transport. He became one of the world’s leading experts on the subject.

Mr. Cox served three years as the Director of Public Policy of the American Legislative Exchange Council, where he oversaw the development of state model legislation and policy reports. He drafted the 1988 Colorado legislation that required 20 percent of the Denver transit system to be competitively tendered, the only such law in the United States. In 1999, he was appointed to the Amtrak Reform Council.



Panelists — Reforming Workers' Compensation Insurance



Representative Joe Nixon

Joe Nixon was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1994. He attended Texas A&M University, and after working in management at Brown & Root, he enrolled at St. Mary's University School of Law.

Representative Nixon first practiced law with Bracewell & Patterson, where he handled complex commercial litigation. In 1988 he established his own law firm, and he is now with the firm Phillip and Akers.

Representative Nixon considers the passage of House Bill 4, a comprehensive tort reform bill addressing many issues affecting the civil court system, during the 78th Session one of his major accomplishments. The intent of HB 4 is to bring more balance to the Texas civil justice system, reduce litigation costs, and address the role of litigation in society. One particular portion of the bill provides for medical liability reform and establishes caps on non-economic damages.



The Honorable Bill Hammond, Texas Association of Business

Bill Hammond was named president and CEO of Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce in 1998. Prior to joining the association, he served for three years as chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission, a position to which Governor George W Bush appointed him. The TWC was created by the Texas Legislature in 1995 to consolidate the state's workforce-related programs.

A four-term member of the Texas House of Representatives during the 1980s, Hammond successfully authored the Texas Education Agency Sunset Bill and was named on one of the states top 10 legislators by *Texas Monthly* and *Dallas Morning News*.

Hammond was owner and president of Dallas Tent and Awning Company prior to his appointment to the TWC.

Mr. Richard Levy, Texas AFL-CIO

Richard Levy serves as the legal and education director for the Texas AFL-CIO, a position he has held since 1991. He is a partner in the Austin firm of Deats & Levy, P.C., advocating for the interests of workers in Texas in the legal and legislative arena.

Prior to joining the Texas AFL-CIO, Mr. Levy practiced employment and civil rights law, first in Tyler, Texas, and then in Austin. He is married to Lynn Rubinett, and has three children, Rose, Isaac and Jesse.



Panelists — Workers' Compensation Insurance, cont.



Dr. Keith Rose, The Doctors' Center

Keith Rose, M.D., is a Texas physician who is the president of The Doctors' Center. Dr. Rose is trained in general surgery, plastic surgery, and has completed a fellowship at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in burns and critical care. After his training, Dr. Rose, a licensed pilot, spent two years traveling around Texas working in emergency departments and performing medical relief work in Mexico and Central America. He moved to Corpus Christi in 1999 and began building his company, which owns and operates immediate care facilities in South Texas.

The Doctors' Center has treated thousands of patients for work-related injuries and performs occupational testing for over 300 companies in South Texas. Dr. Rose is a member of the Texas Medical Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians. He travels three to four times a year to South America, where he performs cleft lip and palate surgeries for various organizations.

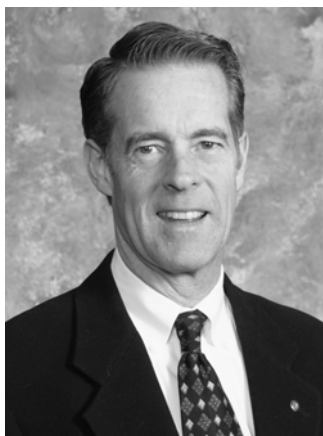
Panelists — Should Taxes and Expenditures Be Limited?



Representative Carl Isett

In November 1996, tax accountant Carl Isett was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. During the 78th Session, Representative Isett served on the House Appropriations, Ethics, and Redistricting Committees and was chairman for Budget Oversight for the Economic Development Committee. He was also named to the Select Committee on School Finance and served as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Cost Adjustment for Public School Finance and was appointed to serve on the Texas Legislative Council. He was selected by his peers to serve as president of the Texas Conservative Coalition.

The Free Market Foundation's Free Enterprise PAC recognized Representative Isett as "Freshman of the Year" in 1997. He has been given the "Friend of the Taxpayer" Award from Citizens for a Sound Economy and been named a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Texas Public Policy Foundation.



Senator John Andrews, Colorado Senate

Colorado Senator John Andrews, former president of the Senate, is a businessman and educator who has served in the Senate since 1998. As Senate leader, his accomplishments included bills establishing education vouchers at both the K-12 and college levels, extending tort reform, reducing union control of state employees, and restoring the Pledge of Allegiance in classrooms.

In 2004 the Colorado Union of Taxpayers saluted him as a defender of TABOR, the state's limit on taxes and expenditures. His other legislative milestones have included bills cutting the capital gains tax, providing toll lanes to reduce traffic congestion, curbing the matricula ID card for illegal immigrants, and drawing permanent congressional districts. He is a past president of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.



Panelists — Taxes and Expenditures, cont.



Dr. Byron Schlomach, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Byron Schlomach is the chief economist for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, for which he has authored a number of important papers and articles on how to make public schools — and government generally — operate more efficiently and responsibly.

Dr. Schlomach joined the Foundation staff from the Texas Education Agency. He has also served as a staff member in the Texas Legislature, most recently as the chief of staff to State Representative Kent Grusendorf, the chairman of the House Committee on Public Education. Previously, he was a researcher in the Office of the Texas Comptroller.

He has also served as an assistant lecturer in the Texas A&M Department of Economics, and has taught at Austin Community College. Raised in Texas, Byron received both his bachelor's and doctorate degrees in economics from Texas A&M University.

Panelists — Tort Reform 2005: Asbestos Litigation



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Representative Joe Nixon

Joe Nixon was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1994. He attended Texas A&M University, and after working in management at Brown & Root, he enrolled at St. Mary's University School of Law. Representative Nixon first practiced law with Bracewell & Patterson, where he handled complex commercial litigation. He is now with the firm Phillip and Akers.

Representative Nixon considers the passage of House Bill 4, a comprehensive tort reform bill addressing many issues affecting the civil court system, during the 78th Session one of his major accomplishments. The intent of HB 4 is to bring more balance to the Texas civil justice system, reduce litigation costs, and address the role of litigation in society.



Panelists – Tort Reform 2005: Asbestos Litigation, cont.



Representative Bryan Hughes

Representative Bryan Hughes of Mineola was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November 2002. His first term, Hughes served on the Economic Development, Judicial Affairs, and Rules & Resolutions. He also served as vice chairman of the Rural Caucus.

A fifth generation Texan, Representative Hughes received his law degree from Baylor University. He was then briefing attorney for two years to United States District Judge William M. Steger of Tyler, after which he entered private law practice. Representative Hughes now practices law in his hometown of Mineola, where he continues to represent working families and small businesses.

Since 1996, Hughes has served on the Board of Trustees of Stewards Foundation, a Dallas based nonprofit organization that makes loans to churches for building projects and also provides health care assistance for Christian workers.



Mr. Walter Olson, Manhattan Institute

Walter Olson is the author of three widely acclaimed books on the American litigation system: *The Litigation Explosion*, *The Excuse Factory*, and, most recently, *The Rule of Lawyers*. A longtime senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a think tank in New York City, Mr. Olson has appeared numerous times before Congress and has advised public officials and political candidates at federal, state, and local levels. His writing appears regularly in such publications as the *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times*, and his approximately 400 broadcast appearances include *Crossfire*, the *Lehrer News Hour*, *CNN NewsNight with Aaron Brown*, *Oprah*, and *Donahue*.

Mr. Olson founded and continues to run several websites, including the widely acclaimed Overlawyered.com and the Manhattan Institute's PointOfLaw.com. His work is often discussed in the press and has been cited in court opinions; the *Washington Post* has dubbed him an “intellectual guru of tort reform.”



Panelists — New Challenges in Homeowners' Insurance



Representative Larry Taylor

Larry Taylor was elected in 2002 as state representative for Galveston County. He had previously served as a city council member and mayor pro-tem of the city of Friendswood.

In the last Session, Representative Taylor served on the House Public Health Committee as vice chair, the House Insurance Committee, and the House Administration Committee. In 2003, Representative Taylor was elected “Freshman of the Year” for the 78th Legislative Session by the Texas House Republican Caucus, the “Texas Hero Award” from the Texas Public Policy Foundation, and the “Fighter for Free Enterprise Award” from the Texas Association of Business.

Representative Taylor graduated from Baylor University in 1982. He is the owner of Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, a 41-year-old independent insurance agency founded by his father.



Mr. José Montemayor, Texas Insurance Commissioner

Former Governor George W. Bush appointed José Montemayor as Texas Insurance Commissioner effective January 11, 1999. He was reappointed Montemayor in 2001 and 2003.

Mr. Montemayor, a certified public accountant, arrived at the Texas Department of Insurance after retiring from the Air Force in 1993 with the rank of major. He served two years as director of insurer services, and from 1995 until being appointed commissioner, he was associate commissioner for the financial program.

Mr. Montemayor is a 1975 graduate of St. Edward's University and a 1988 Kellogg Foundation fellow. He attended the MBA program at the University of North Dakota in 1978 before receiving a master of arts in administration from Webster University in St. Louis in 1982, a master's in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1985 and a master of accountancy from Southwest Texas State University in 1996.



Mr. Beaman Floyd, TX Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions

Beaman Floyd is director of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions. He arrived at the coalition with nearly a decade of experience inside the Texas Capitol. As a consultant and lobbyist, he worked on behalf of a variety of clients, among them property and casualty insurance companies and trade associations.

Mr. Floyd's extensive knowledge base ranges from issues facing Texas' personal lines insurers to state tax policy. Prior to working in Texas, he served on the legislative staff of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

Mr. Floyd is currently pursuing an M.A. in Theological Studies with an emphasis in ethics at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He earned his B.A. with a double major in History and Russian Studies from Louisiana State University.



Panelists — New Challenges in Homeowners Insurance, cont.



Dr. Patrick Brockett, University of Texas

Patrick Brockett is the Director of the Risk Management Program and holds the Gus S. Wortham Memorial Chair in Risk Management and Insurance in the Red McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin, where he teaches full time in risk management and insurance while holding joint appointments in the departments of management science and information systems, finance, and mathematics.

Dr. Brockett is a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, a fellow of the American Statistical Association, a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a chartered statistician by the Royal Statistical Society. He is a past president of the American Risk and Insurance Association, the most prestigious academic organization in Risk Management and Insurance in the world. He is editor of the *Journal of Risk and Insurance*.

Panelists — New Telecom Technologies, Old Regulations



Representative Phil King

Phil King was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1998. In the last Session, Representative King served as chairman of Regulated Industries, a new committee created in the 78th Legislature to address telecommunications, electric power, science and technology, and the pipeline industries.

Representative King also co-chaired the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee, a joint committee of the Texas House and Senate. Representative King also served on the Civil Practices Committee and the Redistricting Committee. He is on the Board of Directors of the Texas Conservative Coalition, a bipartisan research organization.



Ms. Diane Katz, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

Diane S. Katz is director of science, environment, and technology policy with the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. She joined the center in January 2002 to launch the SET initiative, which promotes sound environmental and technology policy grounded in scientific and economic principles. In the past three years, Ms. Katz has initiated eight major research projects, authored more than 100 commentaries and policy briefs on a variety of SET topics, and hosted numerous policy forums.

Prior to joining the center, Katz served for nine years as a member of *The Detroit News* editorial board, specializing in science and the environment, telecommunications and technology, and the auto industry. Ms. Katz also has been published by *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *Reason*, the *Washington Times* and the *Weekly Standard*.



Panelists — New Telecom Technologies, Old Regulations, cont.



Dr. Jerry Ellig, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Jerry Ellig has been a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University since 1996. Between August 2001 and August 2003, he served as deputy director and acting director of the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission. He is a Senior Fellow with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Dr. Ellig has served as a senior economist for the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress and as an assistant professor of economics at George Mason University. His co-authored/edited books include *Dynamic Competition and Public Policy* (Cambridge, 2001), *Economic Deregulation and Customer Choice* (Center for Market Processes, 1997, with Robert W. Crandall), *New Horizons in Natural Gas Deregulation* (Praeger, 1996, with Joseph Kalt) and *Municipal Entrepreneurship and Energy Policy* (Gordon & Breach, 1994, with Alison E. Woodward and Tom R. Burns).

Dr. Ellig received his Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and his B.A. in economics from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Mr. Bruce Mehlman, Mehlman Vogel and Castagnetti

Bruce Mehlman is a technology industry leader in Washington, D.C., helping high-tech players navigate the trends likely to impact the global marketplace through his firm, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti. As the executive director of the Computer Systems Policy Project, Mehlman works with the CEOs of Applied Materials, Dell, EMC, IBM, Intel, HP, Motorola, NCR, and Unisys to promote innovation leadership and tech-led economic growth.

Mr. Mehlman previously served as assistant secretary of commerce for technology policy in the George W. Bush administration. At Commerce, he worked with leaders from industry, federal labs, universities, and governments on critical policy issues including innovation policy, broadband, biotechnology, tech-led economic growth, technology transfer, nanotechnology and the IT workforce. He received his B.A. from Princeton University and his J.D. from the University of Virginia.



Mr. Rick Cimerman, National Cable and Telecommunications Assn.

Rick is the senior director of state telecommunications policy for the National Cable and Telecommunications Association. He joined NCTA as a director in January 1995. His primary responsibility is to aid state cable associations and cable companies in working with public utility commissions to facilitate local telecommunications competition.

Prior to joining NCTA he worked for nearly three years as the director of the telecommunications division of the Maryland Public Service Commission. While at the commission he managed a professional staff of accountants, economists, and engineers and provided expert testimony on behalf of the staff.



Panelists — The Future of Medicaid



Representative Dianne White Delisi

Dianne White Delisi was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990. Recently elected to her eighth term, Representative Delisi is chairman of the Select Committee on State Health Care Expenditures, a member of the Select Committee on Public School Finance, a member of the Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committee, and a member of the Energy Resources Committee. She was recently named to the House Working Group on Education Reforms. She also served for 10 years on the House Appropriations Committee, including four years as its vice chairman.

Representative Delisi has authored noteworthy legislation in the areas of education, health care, and transportation and has been honored for her efforts on these issues. In June 2003, she was recognized by *Texas Monthly* magazine as one of the “Best Legislators of the 78th Legislature.”

Representative Delisi received her B.A. at Southern Methodist University, M.A. at the University of Colorado, and a Certificate of Special Studies at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest.



Representative John Davis

In November 1998, John E. Davis was elected to the Texas Legislature. During the 78th Session, he served as chairman for the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and was chairman of Budget and Oversight for the State Affairs Committee. Representative Davis also served on the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee for HB 2292, which passed in 2003. HB2292 directs the transformation of the Health and Human Services delivery system in Texas from 12 agencies to five.

Representative Davis graduated from Baylor University in 1982 and the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1987. He is the past President of Oates Industries, an industrial roofing company. He now serves as an independent manufacturer representative for RPM, a roof and wall restoration company.



Dr. Michael Bond, Buckeye Institute

Michael Bond is the senior fellow in health care policy at the Buckeye Institute and a professor in the Department of Finance at Cleveland State University, where he has taught health care finance. He is also a senior fellow with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Dr. Bond’s work on Medical Savings Accounts and health care policy reform has appeared in a wide range of professional and popular publications, including *Health Care Financial Management*, *Public Personnel Management*, *Compensation and Benefits Review*, and *Business Horizons*. He is the author of the nation’s first practical guide to establishing MSAs. He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from Case Western Reserve University.



Panelists — Meeting the Needs of the Uninsured



Representative Linda Harper-Brown

Linda Harper-Brown was sworn into the Texas House of Representatives on January 14, 2003. Her main focus are issues such as finding fiscally responsible solutions to solve the state's budget shortfall, tort reform to protect jobs in Texas, insurance reform to help homeowners, and finding ways to repair Texas' education finance system. Representative Harper-Brown was appointed to the Transportation Committee, the Elections Committee, and the Select Committee on State Health Care Expenditures Committee. She also served as chairman of the Freshman Caucus and as treasurer of the House Republican Caucus. She was selected by the National Republican Legislators Association as the recipient of its 2003 Freshman of the Year Award.

Prior to her service at the Legislature, Representative Harper-Brown served on the Irving City Council for more than five years and was a member of the Duncanville School Board and the North Texas Association of School Boards.



The Honorable Arlene Wohlgemuth, former State Representative

Arlene Wohlgemuth recently completed ten years of service as a state representative for District 58. During the 77th Legislative session, she served as Chairman of Appropriations Article II Subcommittee (Health and Human Services), and Vice-Chairman of Calendars, CBO for Human Services, and was a member of the Select Committee for Health Care Expenditures. Wohlgemuth authored HB 2292, the sweeping reform of Health and Human Services which improved service delivery for the recipients and will save taxpayers more than \$3.7B during its first five years. The reform included consolidating twelve HHS agencies into five and is the largest government reform bill ever passed in the state.

Ms. Wohlgemuth served as president of the Texas Conservative Coalition, Chairman of the TCCRI Health and Human Services Task Force, and Chairman of the TCCRI State Finance Task Force. Ms. Wohlgemuth is currently a board member of the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, and she is owner of Three Point Strategies, a lobbying and consulting firm.



Dr. John Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis

John C. Goodman is president and founder of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a Dallas-based nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to providing private-sector solutions to public policy problems.

The *National Journal* and *The Wall Street Journal* have called Dr. Goodman the “Father of Health Savings Accounts” for his pioneering research in consumer-driven health care. Dr. Goodman originated the concept for HSAs in his landmark book, *Patient Power: Solving America's Health Care Crisis*. His latest book is *Lives at Risk: Single Payer National Health Insurance Around the World*. He is the author of six other books, including a college textbook.

Dr. Goodman has authored numerous editorials in notable newspapers and is quoted frequently in *The New York Times*, *National Journal*, *BNA*, the *Financial Times* and the *Washington Times*. He regularly briefs Congress on economic policy issues and frequently testifies before congressional committees. While Governor of Texas, George W. Bush named Dr. Goodman to a Blue Ribbon Task Force on the uninsured in Texas.



Panelists — Meeting the Needs of the Uninsured, cont.

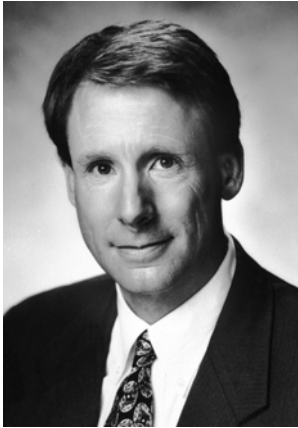


Ms. Anne Dunkelberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities

Anne Dunkelberg is a senior policy analyst and the assistant director for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, where she focuses on policy and budget issues related to health care access, as well as general issues related to immigrants' access to public benefits. She joined the center in 1994, coming from the State Medicaid Director's Office at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Anne is a native Texan, and received her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and her M.P.A. from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at U.T. Austin.

The Center for Public Policy Priorities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization whose purpose is to improve the social and economic well being of low-income Texans. The Center was founded in 1985 by a group of Benedictine Sisters from Boerne, Texas and began operating as a independent non-profit organization in 1999.

Panelists — The Market's Role in Water Policy



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The Honorable J.E. "Buster" Brown, former State Senator



J.E. "Buster" Brown served in the Texas Senate from 1981 until 2002, and was Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Senator Brown authored SB1 and SB2, which established the Water Plan for Texas, which included drought management, conservation, ground water districts, regional planning, water marketing, and conjunctive use of surface and ground water.

Brown served as a member and Chairman of the Energy Council, and is a longtime member of the Western States Water Council.

Brown currently has a general legislative consulting firm in Austin with his daughter, Jennifer E. Brown.





Representative Bill Callegari

Representative Bill Callegari was elected to the Texas House in 2000. During the 78th Legislature, he served as vice chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and also served on both the Government Reform Committee and the Local and Consent Calendars Committee.

Bill Callegari has been a businessman in the Houston area for more than 35 years. A Licensed Professional Engineer for more than 36 years, he holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Houston and a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering from Louisiana State University. In 1974 he founded Am-Tex Corporation, a firm operating water utilities.

He has served on numerous professional and civic boards and committees relating to environmental control and wastewater treatment, including the American Waterworks Association, the Federal Water Pollution Control Federation, and Texas Water Utilities Association. He was co-founder and former president of the Association of Water Board Directors, and the first chairman of the Texas Water Commission Wastewater Certification Advisory Committee.



Representative Robert Puente

Robert Richard Puente was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1991. During the 78th Legislature, Representative Puente was chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and served on the House Local Ways and Means Committee and the House Administration Committee. He served as co-chair of the Study Commission for Water on Environmental Flows. He is also a member of the Texas Water Advisory Council.

In addition to his legislative committee assignments, Representative Puente serves on the steering committee of the House Research Organization. He is a 1979 graduate of St. Mary's University in San Antonio with a bachelor's in political science. He received his law degree from the University of Texas Law School in 1982.



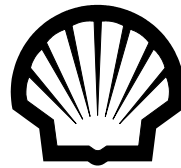
Ms. Mary Kelly, Environmental Defense

Mary Kelly joined Environmental Defense in October 2002 as a senior attorney and program director its U.S./Mexico border initiatives. She manages Environmental Defense's work on trans-boundary water, wildlife, and other issues in its Ecosystems Program. She also coordinates Environmental Defense's Texas water policy work. She is the primary author of Environmental Defense's August 2004 report *Powerful Thirst: Water Marketing in Texas*.

From 1989 to October 2002, Ms. Kelly was executive director of the Texas Center for Policy Studies, a nonprofit research organization working on a variety of environmental issues. From 1986 to 2001 she was an associate, partner or of counsel with the firm of Henry, Lowerre & Frederick and its predecessors. She obtained her law degree from the University of Texas and has a B.S. in chemical e from the University of Arizona.



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