



Legislative Report-- December 2009

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A year's planning paid off for the TFRW convention committee last week in Galveston with a smoothly run, near perfect convention. If you were there, you heard the speakers and these quotes will bring back fond memories. If not, you will get a taste of what you missed.

"The President talks of change. We just hope he changes."

"Cap and Trade means: Cap our economy and trade our jobs to China."

Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams

"Paint me red with a big stick." "Roosters crow. Hens deliver."

Texas Controller Susan Combs

"Government can talk about lowering taxes, but if you don't stop spending, taxes can't be lowered enough."

Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones

"From the first George (Washington) to the last George (W) we accumulated \$6 trillion of debt. Obama has brought it up to \$15 trillion."

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst

"I can count the best days of my life on one hand, and this is one of them."

World War II vet on the day he visited WWII memorial in Washington D.C. with group led by Brenda Beaven, Texas My Favorite Teacher Award Recipient

"When you support candidates, I ask you to select candidates that will do what they have said they would do."

State Senator Joan Huffman, SD 17

"The democrats are going to pull out all the stops to socialize medicine, and we will fight it every step of the way."

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

"We have been successful. Why are we still here?"

DEFENSE-900 bills were introduced last session to roll back tort reform.

OFFENSE-Juries are still profiled by political preference.

COMMUNICATION-Media misinforms.

ELECTIONS-88% of money given to candidates in Texas is given by plaintiff lawyers."

Dick Weekley, Chairman and CEO of Texans for Lawsuit Reform

"I will not rest until we take back the House and kick Nancy Pelosi out."

Congressman Michael McCaul, CD 10

"Do we want strong groups or strong people to govern us?"

Former Secretary of State Roger Williams

"Texans don't know the meaning of the word 'can't'. Texans are 'can do' people."

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

"I apologize for not having a tele-prompter here today. It seems they are all being used in Washington."

Former Solicitor General of Texas Ted Cruz

About Nick Lampson, his Dem. opponent in 2008 "Stick a fork in him, Nancy. He's done."

"Government was not designed to be all things to all people."

Congressman Pete Olson, CD 22

"I challenge you to maintain unity in our party. Whatever happens in March, we need to rally around our candidates"

"I'm the one not running for Governor."

U.S. Senator John Cornyn

"Fight the fight. I am behind you. Stand up. Speak out. It's the right thing to do."

NFRW President Elect Sue Lynch

"We have power over our imaginations, and it's time to get to work. Decide what you are able to do and go out and do it."

TFRW President Elect Rebecca Bradford

"A government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life you will ever see."

"Government is not the solution. Government is the problem."

"Government always finds a need for any money it gets."

President Ronald Reagan quotes used in various speeches

"It took Jimmy Carter to give us Ronald Reagan."

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