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Every Friday, this newsletter will keep you up to speed on some of the legislation important to Texas Farm Bureau members that Austin staff are following.

Please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate staff with any questions.

Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference

This week, over 300 Texas Farm Bureau county leaders attended the Leadership Conference in Austin. The conference concluded with county leaders going to the Texas Capitol for meetings with their legislators to advocate for priority issues important to farmers, ranchers, and rural Texans.

Legislators who are Texas Farm Bureau members were recognized by our organization by presenting them with member gate signs. Many legislators will display these signs in their Capitol office. In total, 36 legislators received signs:

State Representatives

Ashby, Trent
Bailes, Ernest
Bell, Cecil
Bell, Keith
Buckley, Brad
Burns, DeWayne
Burrows, Dustin
Cain, Briscoe
Darby, Drew
Frank, James
Gerdes, Stan
González, Mary E.
Guerra, Bobby
Harris, Cody
Hefner, Cole
Hunter, Todd
Kacal, Kyle

King, Ken
King, Tracy O.
Kitzman, Stan
Kuempel, John
Landgraf, Brooks
Metcalf, Will
Murr, Andrew
Orr, Angelia
Price, Four
Raney, John
Rogers, Glenn
Slawson, Shelby
Spiller, David
Stucky, Lynn
Thompson, Ed
VanDeaver, Gary

State Senators

Campbell, Donna

Flores, Pete

Huffman, Joan

Hughes, Bryan

Nichols, Robert

Perry, Charles

Springer, Drew



Sen. Charles Perry



Rep. Tracy King

[View more photos of county leaders presenting the Farm Bureau gate signs for state representatives and senators.](#)

Foreign Ownership of Land

SB 711: Relating to the purchase of or other acquisition of title to real property by prohibited foreign actors.

[Sen. Perry, Charles \(R\)](#)

Summary:

Unlike the other foreign land ownership bills discussed in previous issues of Austin Newsletter, SB 711 does not create a prohibition against “foreign actors” purchasing land in Texas.

Rather, the bill creates a reporting requirement on the part of the buyer if the buyer is an agent of a foreign country considered to be “risk to the national security of the United States.”

Each year, the director of National Intelligence conducts an “Annual Threat Assessment.” Certain countries are considered risks to national security. If an agent of one of these countries wishes to purchase land in Texas, they must disclose to the seller they are an agent of that country.

Then, the seller may continue with the transaction, or they may terminate the deal. The seller cannot be sued for terminating the transaction.

TFB **supports** SB 711. The bill provides a seller with important information they may consider in determining whether to sell to certain buyers. (TFB 2023 Policy Book: Real Property Rights Section 150, Page 60, Lines 109-110.)

House Committees

This week, House Speaker Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont) announced the House of Representatives committee appointments for the 88th Legislative Session.

Agriculture & Livestock

CHAIR: Cain, Briscoe

VICE CHAIR: Anderson, Charles "Doc"

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Kitzman, Stan

SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:

Bernal, Diego

Goodwin, Vikki

Harris, Cody of Anderson

Appropriations

CHAIR: Bonnen, Greg

VICE CHAIR: González, Mary of El Paso

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Bell, Cecil Jr.

Bonnen, Greg

Bryant, John

Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara

Howard, Donna

Rosenthal, Jon
Thimesch, Kronda
Wilson, Terry M.

Johnson, Jarvis
Martinez, Armando
Martinez Fischer, Trey
Morrison, Geanie W.
Ortega, Lina
Rose, Toni
Wu, Gene

SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:

Allison, Steve
DeAyala, Mano
Gates, Gary
Isaac, Carrie
Jetton, Jacey
Orr, Angelia
Spiller, David
Stucky, Lynn
Tepper, Carl
Thimesch, Kronda
Thompson, Ed
Toth, Steve
VanDeaver, Gary
Walle, Armando

Calendars

CHAIR: Burrows, Dustin

VICE CHAIR: Rose, Toni

SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:

Cook, David
Geren, Charlie
Hefner, Cole
Hernandez, Ana
Johnson, Ann of Harris
Patterson, Jared
Slawson, Shelby
Talarico, James
Thompson, Ed of Brazoria

Environmental Regulation

CHAIR: Landgraf, Brooks

VICE CHAIR: Guerra, R.D. "Bobby"

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

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Reynolds, Ron

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CHAIR: Ashby, Trent

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SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Bailes, Ernest
Holland, Justin
Troxclair, Ellen
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Collier, Nicole
Flores, Lulu
Garcia, Josey
Morrison, Geanie W.

Land & Resource Management

CHAIR: Burns, DeWayne

VICE CHAIR: Rogers, Glenn

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Bell, Keith
Buckley, Brad
Rogers, Glenn

SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:

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Dean, Jay
Lopez, Janie
Meza, Terry
Morales Shaw, Penny

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CHAIR: Harris, Cody

VICE CHAIR: Bowers, Rhetta Andrews

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Allison, Steve
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Hull, Lacey
Jetton, Jacey
Manuel, Christian
Morales, Eddie Jr. of Maverick
Morales Shaw, Penny
Paul, Dennis
Rogers, Glenn

Transportation

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VICE CHAIR: Raney, John

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Ashby, Trent
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Davis, Yvonne
Lozano, J. M.
Romero, Ramon Jr.

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Gámez, Erin
Harris, Caroline
Landgraf, Brooks
Lujan, John
Ordaz, Claudia
Patterson, Jared
Perez, Mary Ann

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Ortega, Lina
Reynolds, Ron
Schofield, Mike
Sherman, Carl O. Sr.

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CHAIR: King, Tracy

VICE CHAIR: Thompson, Ed

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Kacal, Kyle
King, Tracy
Price, Four
Thompson, Ed

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Kitzman, Stan
Lalani, Suleman
Metcalf, Will
Ramos, Ana-Maria
Rogers, Glenn
Zwiener, Erin

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CHAIR: Meyer, Morgan

VICE CHAIR: Thierry, Shawn

SENIORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Button, Angie Chen
King, Tracy
Muñoz, Sergio Jr.
Shine, Hugh
Turner, Chris

SPEAKER APPOINTMENTS:

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Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara
Hefner, Cole
Noble, Candy
Raymond, Richard Peña

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