A photograph of the Texas State Capitol building in Austin, Texas, featuring its iconic dome and classical architecture, surrounded by trees under a clear sky.

Looking Over the 87th Lege: An Overview of Bills that Passed, Bills the Died, and Bills that May Live Again

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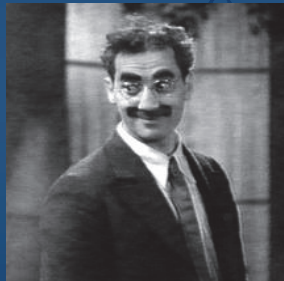
Senator Nathan Johnson
Texas State Senate, District 16

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"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it
everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying
the wrong remedies."



Groucho Marx

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87th Lege - Bill Statistics



Filed: 6,927 bills

Historically speaking: 3rd Highest

- 81st Legislature (2009): 7,419
- 86th Legislature (2019): 7,324

Passed: 1,070 bills

- 86th Legislature (2019): 1,429
- 81st Legislature (2009): 1,459
- 72nd Legislature (1991): 960*

87th Lege Demographics

- 181 seats
 - House – 150 (83 R / 67 D)
 - Senate – 31 (18 R / 13 D)
- 64 licensed attorneys
 - 55 – House
 - 9 – Senate

Legislative Priorities

- Budget
- ERCOT
- Emergency Powers
- Redistricting
- Healthcare
- Education
- Social “hot button” issues



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Bills that Passed



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