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AUSTIN - Monday evening the Texas Legislature moved to adjourn Sine Die, concluding the 83rd Legislative Session. The Legislature worked to establish and fund a water plan that would protect the state of Texas from the severe drought conditions still plaguing much of the state; as well as reformed public education by reducing the number of standardized tests required of students and teachers each year. The Teacher Retirement System received additional funding to maintain its actuarial soundness and Medicaid, transportation, and second amendment issues all received attention needed to address their respective concerns.

Transparency, as well as addressing the practice of diversions, became the theme of the 83rd Session. Multiple pieces of legislation were passed requiring greater transparency within state agencies by requiring executive salaries, gifts, donations and supplements to be posted online.

"In the coming weeks, I hope to provide a multi-part synopsis of issues addressed during session; our successes as a state, as a district, and also address the setbacks and disappointments," said Representative Flynn (R-Van).

Governor Rick Perry squelched rumors and officially called the Legislature back for a special session that began this morning. The House met to gavel in and address the Governors concern over redistricting.

The Governor has called both chambers back to finalize the House, Senate and Congressional district maps. In 2010, during the 82nd Legislature and special session, the Legislature passed interim maps, but used federally drawn maps for the 2012 election cycle. This session, the Legislature is being asked to adopt one final map to be used until the next census report.

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