



December 6, 2008

To: Members of the Texas House of Representatives  
From: Representative Tommy Merritt and Representative Delwin Jones  
Re: Parliamentarian

Dear Members,

We are joining with Rep. Burt Solomons today and calling for House Parliamentarian Terry Keel to resign his position.

Additionally, we believe Ron Wilson should also step down immediately.

We need a Member's Parliamentarian, not a Speaker's Parliamentarian. It is clear that Mr. Keel and Mr. Wilson are more interested in serving Speaker Tom Craddick than serving the entire House.

We need to begin the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session with a clean slate. The replacement of Mr. Keel and Mr. Wilson will send a clear signal that this next Legislature is making a clean break from the last Legislature which led to embarrassing floor fights over power and put the people's needs behind the needs of the Speaker.

If we take a "business-as-usual" approach to the next session, we believe we will be ignoring the people's desire for change and desire for a real representative government.

The first step down this new path is the resignation and replacement of Mr. Keel and Mr. Wilson.

Sincerely,

Representative Tommy Merritt

Representative Delwin Jones

CC: Capitol Press Corps