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**SPECIAL SESSION: TEXAS HOUSE PASSES TSA BILL ON SECOND READING**

*Following Amendments to Strengthen Defensibility of the TSA Bill, House Passes HB 41*

(Austin) – This afternoon the Texas House of Representatives took the next step toward restricting government officials from groping innocent citizens as a condition of travel without cause, passing [HB 41](#) on second reading by voice vote. Three amendments were offered and passed by the bill’s author Representative David Simpson (R-Longview), Representative Allen Fletcher (R-Houston), and Representative Pete Gallego (D-Alpine).

“We’ve been working with the Attorney General’s office from the very beginning to ensure that the bill will accomplish our goal of stopping the humiliation of travelers while also maintaining language that will withstand judicial scrutiny,” said Simpson.

Simpson continued, “Texas citizens deserve to be protected under the [4<sup>th</sup> Amendment](#) to the US Constitution and [Article 1 Section 9](#) of the Texas Constitution. Today the Texas House took a positive step toward protecting those rights.”

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