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### Texas on the Potomac

Washington news with a Texas accent

## TexMessage: House Speaker Boehner's unpublicized trip to Texas

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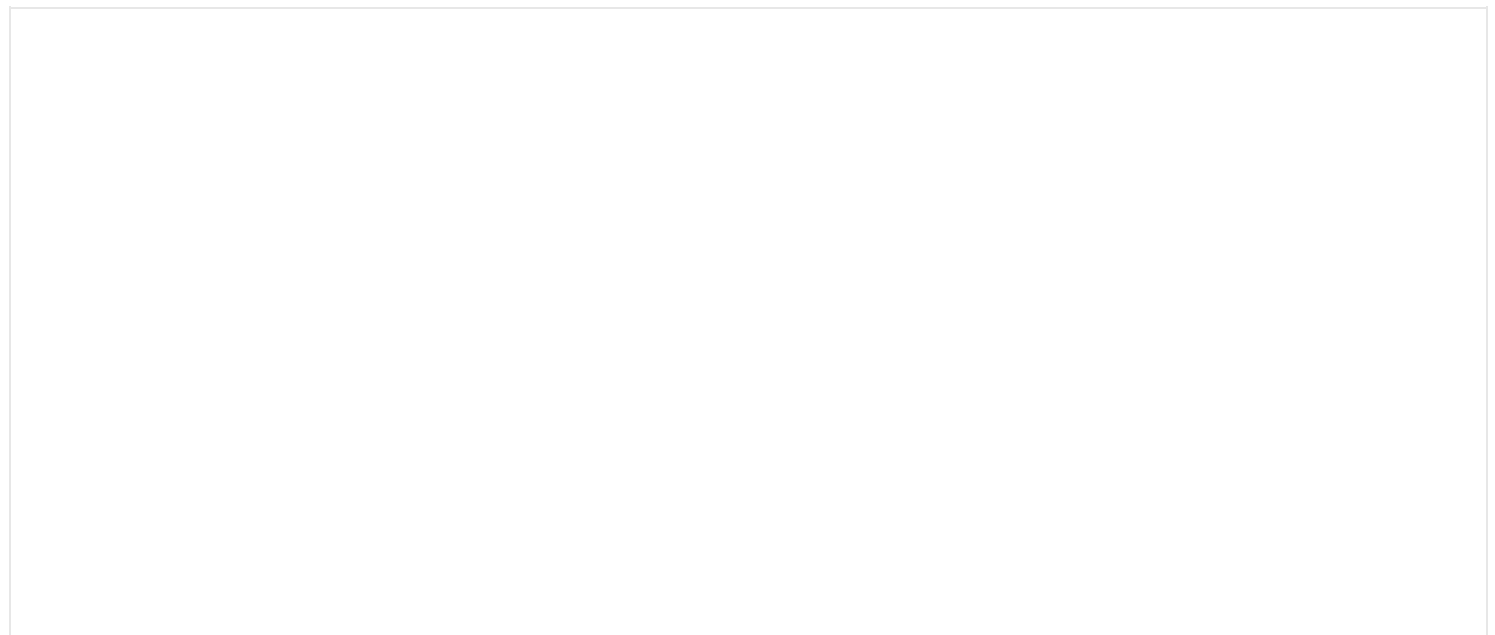
### TEXMESSAGE

Wednesday, April 6

Good morning TexMessagers! On this date in 1830, **immigration into Texas was banned** — by the Mexican government. Immigration is still a hot topic . . .

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### TEXclusive



There were a lot of celebrities in Houston for the NCAA Final Four, and our spies reported sighting House ...mysanantonio.com/.../texmessage-ho...

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TexMessage: House Speaker Boehner's...

Speaker John Boehner this weekend in the Bayou City. But the Ohio Republican's office says he wasn't there for basketball or even for the PGA golf tourney in Humble. Instead, they tell us, he was in Texas for "political events."

Every powerful pol in DC knows these two facts: You can never raise too much money. And there's a lot of Republican campaign cash to be had in Houston.

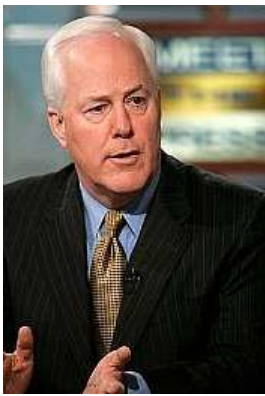
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### Texas Tips

*Every morning, we offer Texas news you may not have heard and insights from the Washington bureau staff.*

? CORNYN TO INTRODUCE LIBYA RESOLUTION. **Sen. John Cornyn** plans to introduce the first non-binding resolution in the Senate which calls for a regime change in Libya. An excerpt from the resolution:

*"Expressing the sense of the Senate that United States policy should be to remove Muammar Qaddafi from power in Libya, and calling on the President to submit a plan to achieve that goal and to seek congressional authorization for the use of military force against Libya."*



### **AP photo**

Sen. John Cornyn

Cornyn's resolution calls for President Barack Obama to submit to Congress a description of U.S. policy objectives during and after Gadhafi's rule. The resolution also states that the president should seek authorization from Congress for military actions in Libya.

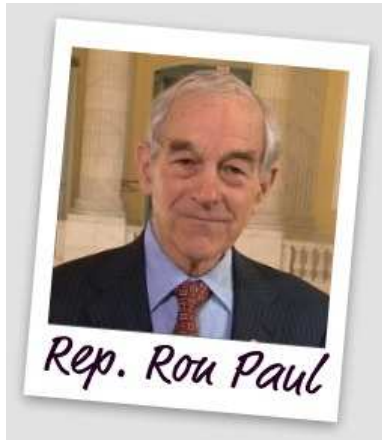
Although Cornyn's resolution is likely to be the first in the Senate regarding Libya, it certainly isn't the last. According to Foreign Policy superstar Josh Rogin, Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass., John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., are working on a resolution they hope will garner support from both sides of the aisle. [Read more from Foreign Policy>>>](#)

? TOM LEPPERT HAS 'POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS' WITH CORNYN. But he didn't receive an endorsement. Didn't even ask for it. The former Dallas mayor says he had "positive conversations" about his Senate bid with National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Cornyn, R-San Antonio, but did not seek his endorsement. The race for Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's seat in 2012 is already crowded, with Leppert competing against former Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams and former Secretary of State Roger Williams, among others. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is also a strong contender, should he make a bid. [More from The Hill>>>](#)

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**Rick Dunham's take**

*The last thing John Cornyn wants to do is to get into the middle of a heated Senate primary in his own state. That's a lose-lose proposition for the chair of the Senate Republicans' campaign committee.*


**Fox News Channel**

? RAND SAYS HE THINKS RON WILL RUN. (Whew, what a political tongue twister!) Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., told [Politico](#) he thinks his dad, [Rep. Ron Paul](#), will run for president in 2012. "I get every indication from looking at his schedule and hearing what he's doing that I think he probably will," said the junior Paul. "But that's his decision to make." [Read more>>>](#)

? BRADY TAKES HARD STANCE ON TRADE WITH RUSSIA. [Rep. Kevin Brady](#), R-The Woodlands, chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, says Congress will not work to lift a Soviet-era law regarding trade with Russia until the Obama administration submits pending trade agreements with Colombia and Panama to Congress. The administration maintains that the two trade agreements aren't ready, "prompting Republicans to declare that they won't act on any trade matters, not a pending trade accord with South Korea and certainly not with Russia, until the Colombia and Panama accords are submitted" writes Bloomberg's Jim Abrams. [Read more>>>](#)

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**Poll of the Week**

GOVERNMENT

**SHUTDOWN**

Would you like to see the federal government shut down if President Obama won't capitulate to Republican spending-cut demands?  
(Poll closes: Apr 11 at 11:59 p.m.)

Yes, the Tea Party is

right. It's time to cut or shut. No more compromise.

Yes. A government

shutdown will be a political catastrophe for Republicans.

No. Republicans

should settle for the best deal they can get from Obama after tough negotiations.

[Vote](#)

**Results of last week's poll**

**RON PAUL**

What office would you like to see Texas Rep. Ron Paul run for in 2012?  
(Poll closes: Today at 11:59 p.m.)

President

U.S. Senate <sup>36%</sup>

U.S. House <sup>16%</sup>

Both President and U.S. House <sup>7%</sup>

15%  
None. It's time for  
him to hang up his  
spurs.

26%

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### Tweets of the Day

? @RepKayGranger

The Senate passed the repeal legislation for the 1099 requirement in the #healthcare bill, now it goes to the President  
<http://goo.gl/W6kSP>

? @CBSNews

Jesse Ventura: I'd consider being Ron Paul's VP <http://bit.ly/gKJdyQ> (via @cbsnewshotsheet)

? @RepCuellar (Rep. Henry Cuellar)

Concerned with #GOP #budget proposal-eliminates Medicare, repeals health reform, slashes Medicaid & foodstamps, & cuts sci. research & edu.

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### Reader Comments of the Day

In response to the looming government shut down that will occur Friday if Congress and the White House do not reach a deal, [SaltWaterCroc](#) wrote:

*Only those who weren't around for the last budget shutdown would want another. I worked on an Air Force base at the time, and even there the results were not pretty. But if the Republicans did not learn from their mistakes in their rush to help the wealthy, then they'll have another chance. That this could throw the country into a depression doesn't concern them, because they have a job. For now.*

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### Texas Watch

*TxPotomac lets you know what stories to look out for today — and the rest of the week.*

#### On Deck: Today

? The House Energy and Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "The U.S. Government Response to the Nuclear Power Plant Incident in Japan" at 9 a.m. EDT.

? The Federation for American Immigration Reform holds its "Hold Their Feet to the Fire" radio talk show town hall meeting today and tomorrow. Talk radio hosts from all across the country will spend two days interviewing members of Congress, immigration reform experts and law enforcement personnel.

? The House Natural Resources Committee considers three offshore drilling bills offered by Chairman Doc Hastings, R-Wash at 10 a.m. EDT.

On Deck: [Later this week](#)

? Thursday. The House **Energy** and Commerce Committee holds a hearing on proposals, possibly including one by **Rep. Pete Olson**, R-Sugar Land, that would force more disclosure of the impacts of energy and environment related regulations.

? Thursday. **Rep. Kevin Brady** delivers remarks on "Spend Less, Owe Less, Grow the Economy" at a Cato Institute conference focused on government spending.

? Thursday. The New America Foundation (NAF) holds a discussion on "Unconventional Wisdom: Rethinking Oil and Transportation Policy."

? Friday. The government shuts down if Congress and the White House do not reach a deal on a spending plan, either a short-term deal or a grand compromise for the rest of fiscal year 2011.



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