

# 85<sup>th</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE

TEXAS INMATES ONCE AGAIN ARE ON THE LOSING END AS TEXAS LAWMAKERS FAIL TO PASS ANY TRULY MEANINGFUL OR SIGNIFICANT BILLS DURING THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

MANY INMATES, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS WERE CROSSING THEIR FINGERS IN HOPES THAT HOUSE BILL 2120 RELATING TO GOOD CONDUCT AND WORKTIME CREDITS EARNED BY INMATES SERVING 30/AGGRAVATED-RELATED SENTENCES WOULD ACTUALLY BE APPLIED TO SAID SENTENCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAROLE CONSIDERATION. UNFORTUNATELY, HB 2120 DIDN'T RECEIVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO GET BEYOND THE COMMITTEE REVIEW AND VOTE PROCESS.

THIS MEANS THAT THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM SHALL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST HUMAN DEPOSITORIES, AND THE STATE'S PAROLE SYSTEM SHALL BE RESERVED FOR INMATES WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY OFF THEIR SELECT FEW ATTORNEYS WHO HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH MEMBERS OF THE PAROLE BOARD. THIS SLEAZY SETUP.



is well known among the state's lawmakers - many of whom are attorneys and know how the game or more appropriately, how the charade goes.

In a government full of hypocrites and crooks from top to bottom, prisoners lives are as cheap as the <sup>politicians</sup> policies and their self-serving laws. Thus, the reasons why HB 2120 didn't become law is crystal clear to everyone who chooses not to ignore what is going on all <sup>around</sup> that ensures "business-as-usual" continues from Huntsville, to Austin and destinations beyond.