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Hancock Takes Oath of Office as 84th Legislature Convenes

Senator lists out policy priorities including transportation, spending fixes

AUSTIN - Yesterday, Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) took the oath of office as a member of the 84th Texas Legislature.

The state's 31 senators were sworn in at noon by Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht during a formal ceremony at the Texas State Capitol. A number of Senate District 9 residents made the trip to Austin to commemorate the occasion.

"My office appreciates the support of so many friends and neighbors as the 84th Legislative Session begins," said Hancock. "I look forward to serving the citizens of this great state by working with my House and Senate colleagues on the important issues facing Texans."

Some of those issues include prioritizing state spending, fixes to transportation infrastructure, and protecting the Texas economy.

Earlier this week, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the state's Biennial Revenue Estimate, projecting that the state will have approximately \$113 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2016-2017 biennium.

"Thanks to Texas' robust economy, more money will be available to allocate this session," Hancock said. "But just like Texas families, our state government needs to prioritize and save. We have to be responsible with taxpayer money, limiting government excess and keeping our focus on priorities like good schools, water, and roads."

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Senator Hancock represents [Senate District 9](#), which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties.