

# Representative Amy Stephens

## HOUSE DISTRICT 20 CAPITOL UPDATE

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COMMITTEES: BUSINESS & LABOR, JUDICIARY

### *Results - Leadership - Values*



**State Representative  
Amy Stephens**

You sent me to Denver to get results and I believe my first session reflected that. All four of my bills passed in a Democrat-controlled legislature, something I am still scratching my head over. However, my bills reflected what you, my constituents have told me

you want to see and I did just that. You told me you cared about water—I ran a House Joint Resolution to explore Alluvial Recharge and Storage for the S. Platte and Arkansas rivers. A successful conference out of that resolution was held September 27 - 28th in Colorado Springs.

You told me you care about illegal aliens getting a pass when they commit crimes - as a result I carried HB 1040 which now sets up mandatory warrants for crimes if deported and payment for those crimes if convicted. The bill almost died numerous times but thanks to media attention and public pressure passed!

You told me you want education data streamlined and easier to report - my HB 1270 was signed by the Governor to create an audit of our educational data system to streamline in the future.

And, for consumer business I ran HB 1327 which passed allowing consumers to be notified of late credit payment within one payment in order to take care of late fees.

**You spoke - I listened** and produced **results** for our state and county! I am honored to serve you as we work towards a productive 2008.

### *Standing Strong in the Face of Tax & Spend*

If anything sums up the 2007 Session it is hold on to your wallets! This session saw more fees and regulations passed than any prior session in ten years. Unions have a hold on this new administration having given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Democrats who will continue to pay them back in the 2008 session.

Republicans proposed ways to save money without raising taxes or “freezing” mill levies but our Governor is fighting hard NOT

to let the tax hike go to a vote of the people.

You will continue to see Republicans hold strong on attempts to raise taxes and bury businesses with fees and regulations. Our proposals will include a continued call for the state to set up a rainy day fund as a part of prudent fiscal responsibility.

Health care is going to be a very hot topic for the 08 session. Both business & consumers have a big stake in this debate. I firmly

believe that consumers know best how to direct their health care dollars than government. I am working with the Colorado Springs Chamber to host a healthcare discussion November 13, 2007.

My goals next session are to continue to look out for small business and middle class families who continue to be the backbone of our state. I will also be working to bring attention to fair representation of El Paso County 's issues as we continue to grow.

### **Leadership for El Paso County:**

- ◆ **Appointed to P20 Education data subcommittee as result of HB1270.**
- ◆ **Appointed as Ranking Republican to Business Affairs Committee.**
- ◆ **Appointed to Advisory Committee on insuring of low-income children.**
- ◆ **Safe2Tell Core School Safety Partnership Committee Member.**
- ◆ **Appointed to state committee Judicial Performance Review.**

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