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## In 2008, Perry and KBH Had Craddick's Back

- Both Gave To House Candidates Friendly To Then-Incumbent Speaker

Governor Rick Perry and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison both lost the most important race in Texas' last election. In 2008 the Perry and Hutchison campaigns gave money to GOP House candidates, with each of the rivals favoring candidates deemed friendly to then-imperiled Speaker Tom Craddick.

In 2008 Perry's shop applied copious amounts of grease (\$176,400) to relatively few party and candidate committees (13). In contrast, Hutchison smeared a modest pot of money (\$26,397) over almost twice as many such cogs (23). Yet both GOP gubernatorial aspirants put their money in close races that could affect partisan control of the Texas House (Hutchison contributed to just two GOP senators and Perry gave to none).<sup>1</sup> Perry funded 10 candidates, six of whom ran close races in 2008. Hutchison funded 22 candidates, with 86 percent of them running close races.<sup>2</sup>

### Perry-Hutchison Contributions To Texas Parties and Candidates (Jan. 2007 Through June 2009)

Campaign	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries
Perry	\$176,400	13
Hutchison	\$26,397	23
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$202,797</b>	

### Perry-KBH Donations To Texas GOP (Jan. 2007 Through June 2009)

Perry Amount	KBH Amount	Recipient
\$13,750	\$0	Republican Party of Texas
\$2,150	\$1,500*	TX Federation of Republican Women
\$500*	\$0	Harris County Republican Party
<b>\$16,400</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>

\*Campaign's sole state donation in early 2009.

Some House candidates received checks from both Perry and Hutchison.<sup>3</sup> Just two House members backed by Perry or Hutchison failed to also secure funding from at least one of the three major PACs that defended Speaker Craddick's title before his overthrow in January 2009 (Empower Texans, Stars Over Texas and Texas Builds Jobs & Opportunity for a Secure Future).

These exceptions were not insurgents. Governor Perry's campaign gave \$5,000 to Atascocita Rep. Joe Crabb, for example, then the Craddick-appointed chair of the House Redistricting Committee. Hutchison's campaign gave \$1,000 to then-Houston Rep. Jim Murphy, who was Craddick's vice chair of the Urban Affairs Committee.

**Perry & Hutchison Contributions To Texas GOP Candidates  
(Jan. 2007 Through June 2009)**

Perry Amount	KBH Amount	Craddick Bloc Amount*	Recipient	Office-District	'08 Primary Vote (Runoff %)	'08 General Vote	Won?
\$25,000	\$0	\$10,000	Charles Anderson	H-56	64%	86%	Yes
\$25,000	\$1,000	\$54,066	Betty J. Brown	H-4	<b>52%</b>	63%	Yes
\$25,000	\$0	\$48,070	Phi King	H-61	65%	73%	Yes
\$25,000	\$0	\$5,000	Thomas Latham	H-101	<b>46%</b>	NA	No
\$25,000	\$0	\$60,918	Mark Shelton	H-97	58%	<b>55%</b>	Yes
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$140,535	Donald Margo	H-78	57%	<b>45%</b>	No
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$249,037	William Zedler	H-96	74%	<b>47%</b>	No
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$36,000	John Davis	H-129	64%	59%	Yes
\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000	Frank Corte	H-122	73%	66%	Yes
\$5,000	\$0	\$0	Joe Crabb	H-127	<b>55%</b>	66%	Yes
\$0	\$2,897	\$61,500	Ralph Sheffield	H-55	<b>31% (63%)</b>	<b>54%</b>	Yes
\$0	\$2,000	\$70,928	Linda Harper-Brown	H-105	100%	<b>49%</b>	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$76,521	Mike Anderson	H-101	<b>54%</b>	<b>49%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$0	Kim Brimer	S-10	100%	<b>48%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$40,000	Angie Button	H-112	<b>38% (53%)</b>	56%	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$239,629	Robert Daniel	H-52	<b>30% (54%)</b>	<b>47%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$45,000	Tony Goolsby	H-102	100%	<b>47%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$25,000	Mike Hamilton	H-19	100%	64%	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$10,120	Todd Hunter	H-32	100%	<b>50%</b>	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$6,887	Donna Keel	H-47	100%	<b>49%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$18,357	William Keffer	H-107	100%	<b>47%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$155,120	Tim Kleinschmidt	H-17	100%	<b>54%</b>	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	187,219	Ken Legler	H-144	<b>46% (52%)</b>	<b>51%</b>	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$13,946	Gregory Meyers	H-149	100%	44%	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$0	Jim Murphy	H-133	100%	<b>49%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$0	Mike Jackson	S-11	100%	56%	Yes
\$0	\$1,000	\$10,000	Connie Scott	H-34	100%	<b>47%</b>	No
\$0	\$1,000	\$45,000	Randy Weber	H-29	59%	60%	Yes
<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$24,897</b>	<b>\$1,618,853</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>				

\* "Craddick Bloc Amount" shows total contributions from three PACs tied to Speaker Tom Craddick's effort to maintain his post (Empower Texans, Stars Over Texas and Texas Builds Jobs & Opportunity for a Secure Future).

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson's campaign donated \$1,000 apiece to Senator Mike Jackson and then-Senator Kim Brimer, who both were considered vulnerable.

<sup>2</sup> For this purpose a "close race" is one decided by a runoff or by less than 56 percent of the vote.

<sup>3</sup> The rivals came the closest to backing opposing horses in Dallas' District 101. Perry funded then-incumbent Rep. Thomas Latham, whom challenger Mike Anderson defeated in the GOP primary. Hutchinson backed Anderson--but not until he entered the general-election campaign (which he lost to Democrat Robert Miklos).