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The Texas legislative session begins today. How has the legislature changed since the November midterm elections?

Texas Public Radio's senior political correspondent Ryan Poppe ['poppy'] says the biggest change will be in the House, namely who will lead it. HE JOINED TEXAS PUBLIC RADIO NORMA MARTINEZ THIS MORNIGN FOR A PREVIEW OF THE 86th OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

SESSION BEGGINNING TODAY

“Joe Straus, former House District Rep for part of the San Antonio region and House Speaker, has stepped down. And the presumptive new Speaker, Dennis Bonnen, a Republican from Southeast Texas, he will be stepping in that position.

Now in the past the relationship between Patrick and Straus has been tumultuous to say the least

So far, how Patrick and Bonnen plan to approach consensus on various policy issues seems to be a little bit more amicable. But let me qualify that. It is early. Like, way early. And there's always some friction that occurs between the two chambers. So let's stick a wait-and-see pin in that one for now.”