Taxes
Prohibited “T” word in the Texas Legislature.

Revenue
Fees, surcharges, assessments, enhancements, and penalties.

P.O.O.
Point of Order. A procedural weapon used to defeat legislation. Pooing occurs in May.

Ghost Voting
House members who vote even though they are not present.

Machine Malfunction
A term used in the Texas House of Representatives to justify a vote change.

Chubbing
A dilatory tactic designed to run out the clock and prevent the passage of legislation.

Tagging
A practice in the Texas Senate that delays discussion of a bill in committee for at least 48 hours.

Poison Pill
An amendment that is added to a bill to change its original intent.

The Pit / Shark Tank
The area at the entrance of the House chamber where lobbyists meet lawmakers.

Century Club
An unofficial designation for a House member who gets 100 yea or nay votes.

Flea
A bill that died in committee but is attached as an amendment to a Big Dog. May is flea season.

Big Dog
A bill that must pass during the legislative session.

Christmas Tree
A bill with a broad caption that allows dead bills or other amendments to be added.

Hired Gun
An independent lobbyist hired to address a special interest.

Assassin
A lobbyist who kills a bill and does not get caught.

Cleaner
A lobbyist that fixes legislation that has gone awry.

Sine Die
Adios. No más. The party is over!