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## Rep. Callahan Stands for Life

[Madison, WI] – During today's State Assembly floor session, State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) along with his Assembly Republican colleagues passed a series of pro-life legislative proposals.

"One of the most important things I can do as your state representative is help protect those who can't protect themselves," stated Rep. Callahan. "I'm proud to have co-authored several of the bills on the agenda today and will continue working to make sure unborn children are protected under our state laws."

Some of the bills passed by the Assembly today include:

- Assembly Bill 6 The Born Alive Act
  - o Requires proper medical attention be given to any baby born alive following a failed abortion
- Senate Bill 503 Decertifying Abortion Providers as Medicaid Providers
  - Current law already prohibits public funds from going to fund abortions, but Medical Assistance (MA) funds may still go to abortion providers for other non-abortion-related services. This stops the flow of MA dollars to current and future abortion clinics in WI by cutting off Medicaid certification to clinics who provide abortions.
- Assembly Bill 593 Women's Right to Know
  - Because women have a right to transparency in healthcare, this bill increases the information required to be shared with women taking the abortion pill, and lets them know about opportunities to continue the pregnancy if she changes her mind.
  - It also adopts some of MN's abortion reporting requirements to provide more accurate and complete information about the abortions taking place in our state.
- Assembly Bill 595 Shield the Vulnerable Act
  - o Prohibits abortions that are based solely on race, color, national origin, ancestry, or sex of the unborn child or solely because of a diagnosis of Down Syndrome or other congenital disability.

"This package of bills I voted for today," continued Rep. Callahan, "will be a huge win for everyone in Wisconsin, if they are made law. Parents will be more informed, discrimination prohibited, and most importantly, unborn lives saved. And that's what this is about: protecting life. I urge the governor to sign this important package once the bills come across his desk."

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