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Rep. Callahan Supports Bill Package to End Elder Abuse

[Madison, WI] – During Tuesday's Assembly floor session, State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) supported a package of three bills that together work towards ending elder abuse in Wisconsin. The bill proposals are a result of former Attorney General Brad Schimel's elder abuse task force. The bills considered Tuesday afternoon and passed by the Assembly were as follows:

- <u>Senate Bill (SB) 17</u> increases penalties for crimes against an elder person
- <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 45</u> allows certain professionals in the securities industry to notify certain persons or delay a transaction on or disbursement from the account of a vulnerable adult
- <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 46</u> allows financial service providers to refuse or delay a financial transaction in certain cases of suspected financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult

"In the next decade, our state's senior population is set to increase by 72%," Rep. Callahan stated. "Unfortunately, there's been a huge increase recently in reports of elder abuse. The bill package passed today responds to those reports and takes important steps to deter criminals and protect some of Wisconsin's most vulnerable population."

Rep. Callahan is a co-sponsor of SB 17 and AB's 45 and 46. After each bill passed the Assembly on a voice vote, AB's 45 and 46 now head to the State Senate for approval and SB 17 heads to the governor for his consideration.

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