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Rep. Callahan Supports Prohibition on Vaccine Passports

[Madison, WI] – Rep. Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) voted with his Assembly Republican colleagues during Wednesday's State Assembly floor session to pass <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 299</u>, prohibiting the use of "vaccine passports," a physical or digital copy of one's medical record relating to the COVID-19 vaccine, by any public or private entity.

"Whether or not you and your family receive the COVID-19 vaccine, that is your decision," Rep. Callahan stated, "but discrimination based on vaccine status is infringing on my constituents' personal freedoms. I've heard from constituents about their distrust for these passports. These would be nothing more than a violation of their privacy."

Rep. Callahan is a co-author of AB 299, which now heads to the State Senate. During the floor session, the Assembly also passed legislation that would ensure University of Wisconsin and technical college sports and athletic teams (<u>AB 195</u>), as well as at the K-12 level (<u>AB 196</u>), are based on the birth gender of the participants. A package of bills based on the <u>recommendations</u> from the bipartisan Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities was also passed today.

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.