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Democrats Vote Against Caring for Babies and Animals, Education Transparency

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Senate passed bills today focused on caring for newborn babies and injured animals, and education transparency. Curiously, almost every single Wisconsin Senate Democrat voted against these policies.

“I guess they’re consistent,” said Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine), who was either the author or co-author of all of the bills. “If they don’t want a baby born alive following a botched abortion to be cared for, I suppose they wouldn’t want an animal harmed during hunting to be cared for either.”

“For the life of me, I don’t know why they would oppose education transparency, though,” Wanggaard added. “That one’s mind-boggling.”

All Senate Democrats voted against Senate Bills 16, which require that a baby who is born alive receive medical care following a failed abortion attempt. All but two Senate Democrats voted against Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 366, which says that animals harmed while hunting or training must receive “care and treatment” as soon as practicable to an animal abuse bill. All Senate Democrats but one voted against requiring transparency in education funding, by creating an education funding “dashboard” at the Department of Public Instruction, similar to other units of government. All Senate Democrats also voted against requiring school boards to make their curriculum available online.

“I ran for office vowing to protect the vulnerable and fight for open and transparent government.” said Wanggaard. “I think everyone supports that, and that’s what these bills do.”

“Protecting babies and animals, and ensuring education tax dollars are spent wisely and appropriately should be unanimous issues,” said Wanggaard. “Instead, Democrats insisted on making these partisan issues. It would be unbelievable if it didn’t happen all the time.”

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