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## **Assembly Floor Session Themed around Protecting Wisconsinites**

**Madison**...Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) praised today's session day for protecting the residents of Wisconsin on a number of issues.

"Today we voted to improve accountability and transparency in law enforcement without jeopardizing public safety, we preserved the integrity of women's sports by keeping competition on a level playing field, and we ensured residents of Wisconsin would not lose their right to privacy or be discriminated against via vaccine passports," said Speaker Vos. "These are wins for Wisconsin."

The Wisconsin State Assembly passed a series of bills based on recommendations from the bipartisan Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities that focused on police reform in Wisconsin.

The Assembly also passed legislation ( $AB\ 195$ ) designating UW and tech college sports and athletic teams based on sex of the participant and ( $AB\ 196$ ) designating athletic sports and teams at public and private choice schools based on sex of participants. For both bills, a third category is created for athletic competition that would be coed or allow participants of any sex the opportunity to compete together.

Finally the Assembly voted (<u>AB 299</u>) to prohibit the use of "vaccine passports" for the COVID-19 vaccine by any public or private entity. Any individual that violates this prohibition could be fined \$500 or jailed for 30 days.

"Clearly our constituents can see we are creating good policy to maintain our state's motto of moving forward," said Speaker Vos. "Today we helped to improve law enforcement experiences, preserve women's athletics, and protect every Wisconsinite's right to privacy without discrimination."

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