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BILL DEAN VOTES FOR OHIO REPUBLICAN LEADERS' RADICAL AGENDA DURING LAME DUCK SESSION

Priorities Like Creating Good-Paying Jobs, Protecting Affordable Health Care and Investing in Our Kids' Schools Ignored

COLUMBUS -- During the lame duck session, Ohio Republicans are pushing a radical social agenda backed by special-interest groups -- and state Rep. Bill Dean supports that agenda, having voted for legislation that would essentially ban abortion and failing to vote against a gun bill opposed by the [Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Fraternal Order of Police](#).

“Ohio families are worried about kitchen table issues like affordable health care, quality education and good-paying jobs, so it’s disturbing to see state Rep. Bill Dean instead pushing through a radical social agenda that editorial boards have called a ‘[sickening](#)’ offering to extremist special interests,” **said Ohio Democratic Chairman David Pepper**. “Ohio Republicans should not be interjecting politics into a woman’s personal decisionmaking and making it harder for prosecutors to try gun violence cases. Dean should be working toward solutions on the issues that are keeping hard-working Ohioans up at night, not doing the bidding of his party bosses.”

Anne Gorman, the Democratic candidate for District 74 in the 2018 election, said “During his tenure in the House, our current representative, Bill Dean, has nothing to do with his constituents’ needs. He is far-right of right, and never willing to buck his party for the good of the citizens of District 74. Mr. Dean does nothing to learn the needs of his constituents and defies the very word “representative “. It sickens me that gerrymandering has permitted the Republican Party to cash in at the expense of their constituents.”

Ohio House Bill 258 seeks to ban abortions when a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which can be as early as six weeks into a pregnancy -- in some cases, before a woman even realizes she is pregnant. It provides no exceptions for cases of rape and incest. [Such legislation has previously been declared unconstitutional by federal judges.](#)

The [roll call vote for HB 258](#), the six-week abortion ban bill:

The question recurring, "Shall the bill as amended pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 60, nays 35, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Antani	Becker	Blessing	Brenner
Brinkman	Butler	Cupp	Dean
Dever	DeVitis	Edwards	Faber
Gavarone	Ginter	Green	Hagan
Hambley	Henne	Hill	Holmes
Hood	Hoops	Householder	Huffman
Hughes	Johnson	Keller	Kick
Koehler	Landis	Lanese	Lang
LaTourette	Lipps	McClain	Merrin
Patmon	Patton	Pelanda	Perales
Reineke	Retherford	Riedel	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring
Seitz	Slaby	Smith, T.	Sprague
Stein	Thompson	Vitale	Wiggam
Wilkin	Young	Zeltwanger	Smith, R.-60

Ohio House Bill 228 eliminates any “duty to retreat” before using force in self-defense, shifts the burden of proof to the state in self-defense cases, and loosens a number of Ohio gun violence prevention rules -- including allowing individuals to challenge local gun violence prevention ordinances in court.

The [roll call vote for HB 228](#), the “shoot first” or “kill at will” bill:

The question recurring, "Shall the bill as amended pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 65, nays 32, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Arndt	Becker
Blessing	Brenner	Brinkman	Butler
Carfagna	Cera	Cupp	Dever
DeVitis	Duffey	Edwards	Faber
Gavarone	Ginter	Green	Greenspan
Hagan	Hambley	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hoops	Householder	Huffman
Hughes	Johnson	Keller	Kick
Koehler	Landis	Lanese	Lang
LaTourette	Lipps	Manning	McClain
Merrin	Patton	Pelanda	Perales
Reineke	Retherford	Riedel	Roegner
Romanchuk	Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer
Schuring	Seitz	Slaby	Smith, T.
Sprague	Stein	Thompson	Vitale
Wiggam	Wilkin	Young	Zeltwanger
			Smith, R.-65

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