



DAN FLYNN

★DISTRICT 2★

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 24, 2011

Contact: David Erinakes  
Phone: (512) 463-0880

**Rep. Dan Flynn Urges Passage of Texas Sonogram Bill**

**Austin, Texas** - Representative Dan Flynn, co-author of HB 15 the Texas Sonogram Bill, hailed the committee passage of the legislation as part of Governor Perry's Emergency legislative Package. Representative Flynn said, "Too often those in favor of abortion have denied information to women that would perhaps cause them to pause and perhaps choose another path. That information is vital to providing women with sufficient information before making a decision. This is of paramount importance with an issue as serious as abortion."

Wednesday, the House State Affairs Committee moved forward legislation requiring those seeking an abortion to get a sonogram at least 24 hours before having an abortion. This sends the measure to the full House for a vote sometime in the next couple of weeks.

The bill states that a woman must be given the opportunity to see the sonogram and hear the fetal heartbeat before an abortion and that the doctor must explain the features of the fetus. This legislation is an extension to informed consent law that is already in place. Rep Flynn further said, "This legislation is not about anything but providing infor-

mation. I think this is very important because every woman is entitled to every piece of information available to her before she makes a decision to abort the child or choose another course."

A young lady from Greenville is quoted as saying, that as a pregnant college student years ago, she went in to an abortion provider who tried to keep her from seeing the sonogram. She waited until the nurse left the room to look for herself and said she was immediately told to lie back on the table when the nurse found her looking at the image. She said she felt an injection in her arm and woke up in a recovery room with the abortion completed — all without ever seeing a doctor. "What I saw on that screen, I'll remember forever," she said. "But I was never given the chance to ask questions. What I'm asking of you today is to give women that opportunity."

Governor Rick Perry carved the way for legislators to take action quickly by declaring sonogram legislation an emergency item at the beginning of the session. The Governor has said he will sign the bill if it reaches his desk.

###