Roemer would veto total ban on abortion

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Legislation banning all abortions in Louisiana was voted down Friday by the House, 71-64. Rep. Earl Roemer and Rep. Brian Wrenn both voted against the bill, which would have allowed an abortion only to save the life of the mother.

Roemer said he made his position known in a recent meeting with the governor and that he would not vote for a bill that would allow an abortion to save the life of the mother.

"I said I would not vote for that bill," Roemer said. "I don't believe a person has a right to bear a child who is born dead."

Roemer said the vote was a "yes" vote for abortion and "no" vote for the life of the mother.

Wrenn said he voted against the bill because he believes in the sanctity of life and that the right to life is "the foundation of all human rights and dignity."

"I believe in the sanctity of life," Wrenn said. "I believe in the right to life, and I believe in the right to choose."