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...has been endorsed by the ... State Federation of Labor and ... Trades Council and by the State Board of ... It is favored by many employers and leading physicians, including Dr. Alexander ... Medical Director of the Red Cross in ... whose writings show that he favors the ... system. Theodore Roosevelt and ... Secretary McAdoo have recently declared for it. ... organized opposition in California comes ... from some physicians, from Christian Scientists, ... from private commercial insurance com- ...

Vote "Yes" on this amendment.
 WILLIAM KERR,
 State Senator First District.

AMENDMENT AGAINST SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 26.

This amendment is wholly unnecessary, because ... legislation already has power to establish a ... and reasonable system of health insurance. ... amendment would allow class distinction now ... hidden by the Constitution. ... The plan is to insure only those wage earners ... (with their families and dependents) who are ... ularly employed at medium salaries, say ... 500 a year or less, and to ignore everyone else ... to ignore, for example, all self-employed peo- ... such as shopkeepers, contractors, farmers, ... and, worst of all, to ignore all persons, with ... children and dependents, who are not able, ... cause of sickness or disability, to work regu- ... ly or at all.

To illustrate: Two families are next door ... neighbors; the breadwinner in one family has an ... employer and earns \$1,500 a year, or less; sick- ... ness overtakes him; the state would pay two- ... thirds of his wages and furnish medicine, surgery ... and dentistry to him and his family. His neigh- ... bor is out of employment and destitute, or is ... self-employed, or has an annual income of \$1,600 ... or over; when sickness overtakes him or any ... member of his family, the state utterly ignores ... the situation.

The Constitution forbids such injustice; the ... amendment would permit it. In fact the amend- ... ment destroys every constitutional guaranty of ... personal liberty so far as the insurance is con- ... cerned, and even abolishes the Initiative so that ... the people cannot remove the system once it is ... fastened upon them; only the Referendum re- ... mains.

Since the scheme ignores the sick and down- ... and-outs, and is political and not humanitarian, ... it will not relieve the state from maintaining ... charities and hospitals.

It is not the English system nor even the Ger- ... man. Both of them are fair and humane in ... comparison, though sickness and poverty have ... increased even under them. Lloyd George's ... popularity exists in spite of his part in social ... insurance, not because of it. Dr. Lambert may ... approve the principle of health insurance, but not ... the oppressive type planned for California.

The cost is to be met by forced contributions ... from employees, employers, and the state. The ... first estimate by the Social Insurance Commis- ... sion was \$27,596,000 a year; others estimate ... \$50,000,000—about double the present annual cost ... of the state government. All this in face of the ... war expenses and the fact that industry is ... already staggering under its heavy load. Con- ... gress and several Eastern states have already ... rejected the system.

Do you want to take on this added annual ... expense of \$50,000,000? Do you want to drive ... fraternal insurance societies to the wall? Do ... you want compulsory physical examination, medi- ... cine and surgery? Do you want to abolish the ... law that every man's house is his castle so that ... the government agent may enter your home and ... interfere with the most sacred relations of life? ... Do you want to wreck the whole idea of life, ... liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Do you ... want to more than Germanize California?

Then vote "No" on this amendment.
 J. W. BALLARD,
 State Senator Thirty-eighth District.

DENTISTRY. Initiative Act amending dental law. Requires dentist, hereafter appointed member of Board of Dental Examiners, have degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dental Medicine, and some other degree from recognized institution; limits member to one four-year term in six years; as exception to present requirements, declares any applicant of good moral character, with five years practice, and examined and licensed by any state dental board, shall receive license without examination upon paying twenty-five dollars; forbids administering anesthetic, in practicing dentistry, except when adult third person present; declares advertising or charging low fees not unprofessional conduct.

YES	
NO	

The doctors of the State of California present ... to the secretary of state this petition, and re- ... quest that a proposed law, as hereinafter set ... forth, be submitted to the people of the State of ... California for their approval or rejection, at the ... next ensuing general election, or as provided by ... law. The proposed law is as follows:

Section 1. Amend an act entitled "An act to im- ... prove the better education of dental surgeons ... and to regulate the practice of dentistry in ... the State of California providing penalties ... for the violation hereof," approved May 31, ... 1915, by adding new sections thereto to be ... numbered and designated sections seven- ... teen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty and twenty- ... one, respectively.

The people of the State of California do enact ... as follows:

PROPOSED LAW.
 Proposed changes in provisions are printed in ... black-faced type.)

Section 1. A new section is hereby added to ... said act to read as follows:

Section seventeen. Any dentist hereafter ap- ... pointed a member of the state board of dental ... examiners shall be of good moral character.

have received the degree of doctor of dental ... surgery or doctor of dental medicine, and in ... addition thereto shall have completed the re- ... quired course and received a degree other than ... a dental degree from a recognized college or ... university legally empowered to confer the same; ... and provided, further, that no member of said ... board shall be appointed or hold office for more ... than one term of four years in any six years.

Section 2. A new section is hereby added to ... said act hereby amended to be numbered eight- ... een, and to read as follows:

Section eighteen. It is hereby provided as an ... exception to the provisions of section 3 of this ... act and as a provision of any dental law or ... laws hereafter enacted, that, upon application ... to the secretary of the state board of dental ... examiners, a license shall by him be issued ... forthwith without examination to any person ... upon (1) paying a fee of twenty-five dollars; ... (2) showing that he is of good moral character; ... (3) is a graduate of a reputable dental college ... recognized by the National Board of Dental ... Faculties; (4) has been examined and approved ... by a board of dental examiners of any state in ... the United States; and (5) has practiced under ... the laws of any state of the United States for ... a period of five years next preceding the filing ... of his application in this state.