

# JONASSON *for Governor*

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## **136th CANDIDATE ENTERS RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA (CRAP: Canadian Regional Associated Press) – Noting that Californians still lack a meaningful choice despite the plethora of gubernatorial candidates, Stefan Jonasson today announced his own candidacy for Governor of California in the upcoming recall election. “Sure the deadline has already passed for filing papers,” Jonasson said, “but why should my candidacy have to be any more legitimate than the other challengers’. Besides, I was prevented from filing the requisite papers because of the draconian requirement that I be an American citizen and resident of the state.” Jonasson doesn’t believe that this will be problematic for California voters, though. “If you’re going to have a coup d’état, why limit your choices to citizens?” asked the first-time candidate.

The Canadian minister’s decision to enter the race comes after a groundswell of support from a close personal friend and colleague in Minnesota, the state that produced Governor Jesse Ventura. “Surely it’s no accident that California has a city called Ventura!”

The candidate’s platform includes a plan to annex the state to Canada, something he describes as mutually beneficial. “California needs cheap electricity and a reliable supply of fresh water, while Canadian doctors need somewhere to practice medicine where they can become millionaires in a more valuable currency.”

He also promises to abolish capitol punishment in California by moving the statehouse to Las Vegas. “I figure that Las Vegas is the ideal place to bring together show business, organized crime and state government in one convenient venue.” When it was pointed out that capitol punishment is a popular form of entertainment in the state, the candidate reassured voters by saying, “I’m sure Californians are creative enough to come up with some other way to amuse themselves and the rest of the world.”

Jonasson will need to overcome strains in his marital life if his candidacy is to be successful. Although his wife of 22 years, Cindy, appears with him in his campaign literature, she has declined to serve as First Lady in the event of an electoral victory, although she is prepared to live in

southern California during the winter months. Unable to choose between Meg Ryan and Sandra Bullock as a surrogate, Jonasson has decided to ask Tom Hanks to become First Lady. "Tom is highly respected in Hollywood and across North America and few would doubt his commitment to public service after his remarkable work for Federal Express in the movie *Castaway*," observed the candidate. "So I would be honored to have Tom as my First Lady. I can assure everyone, though, that Meg and Sandy will be offered senior cabinet posts." Rumor has it that Ryan would be named Administrative Assistant for Education while Bullock would take over responsibilities as Cashier of the Treasury. "The term secretary has really diminished in prestige since the founding of the republic," he said, "so I plan to use more up-to-date titles for the key members of my cabinet." This would help explain why Jonasson intends to replace the state's Attorney-General with an Attorney-Admiral. "California is an ocean state, something that seems to have escaped the notice of state law-makers in the past!" Inside sources suggest that Jonasson will name Michelle Pfeiffer to the state's top legal post, since he is known to have admired the legal prowess she demonstrated in that movie with Sean Penn.

There is also speculation that Jonasson will ask the current Lieutenant Governor to stand aside in favor of Al Franken who, as a New Yorker, carries less political baggage in the Gold Rush state. Should Franken decline to serve, it's been hinted that Jonasson will fill the position with his supporter from Minnesota, who once smoked something while in the San Francisco Bay area. It was not clear at press time whether or not he had inhaled. When asked why he would select a Minnesotan as Lieutenant Governor if the New York comedian were not available, Jonasson replied simply, "These days, the political affairs of America are far too serious to entrust to a Californian."