

# JONASSON *for Governor*

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## **JONASSON UNVEILS 5-POINT PLAN FOR STATE HEALTHCARE REFORM**

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA (CRAP: Canadian Regional Associated Press) – Stefan Jonasson has unveiled his long-awaited plan for addressing the healthcare needs of Californians. Many in the healthcare industry have feared that Jonasson, a Canadian, would seek to impose socialized medicine on the state, should he be elected governor. As one Orange County multimillionaire asked, “If everyone has equal access to quality healthcare at an affordable price, what incentive will there be for people to stay healthy?”

The candidate, who is well aware of Americans’ fear of Canadian-style healthcare, openly admitted that he felt constrained in putting together his plan for healthcare reform. “Certainly, I would have preferred to implement a socialized system that would have given every California resident equal access to high-quality healthcare from birth until the end of life, much like the systems found in every other civilized country of the world.” Instead, Jonasson is proposing a five-point program he calls “Healthy Enough”:

- By eliminating free kindergarten and abolishing student aid at state universities, a Jonasson administration would redirect just enough financial resources to the healthcare system to keep people out of bankruptcy when faced with catastrophic medical expenses, without encouraging complacency. “After all, who really needs an education if they’re going to lose everything they have to pay their medical bills anyway?” By maintaining a healthcare system where bankruptcy continues to loom overhead, Jonasson’s plan would help to ensure continued employment for bailiffs and bill collectors.
- A Jonasson administration will establish the California Agency for Seniors’ Healthcare and Geriatric Resource Acquisition Bank (CASHGRAB), which would allow seniors to turn over all of their assets to a Health Mismanagement Organization (HMO) in return for minimal guarantees of care. “It would work like a reverse mortgage except that the HMO would eventually own your body rather than your real estate. And because the HMO would be entitled to sell your organs for

spare parts – who needs two kidneys anyway? – and dispose of your final remains, survivors will be spared the expense of costly funerals.”

- In order to capitalize on funding that may be available through the Bush administration’s faith-based initiatives, a Jonasson administration would encourage Californians to forego orthodox medical care in favor of faith healers, Christian Science practitioners and medicinal prayer.
- Recognizing that Californians hate taxes, even when they serve the public good, a Jonasson administration would offset the revenue lost when it eliminates income tax from the profits of multinational pharmaceutical companies and health insurers by encouraging hospitals to open liquor stores and tobacco stands on their premises.
- By the middle of 2004, a Jonasson administration would establish The California Healthcare Lottery, which would allow legal residents of the state to purchase tickets on a weekly draw for health services. Prizes each week would include one catastrophic medical emergency, two organ transplants, and one hundred non-life-threatening surgeries. Tickets would include a “scratch and win” feature for cosmetic procedures.