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Office of the Secretary of State March Fong Eu 1230 J Street Sacramento, California 95814 ELECTIONS DIVISION (916) 445-0820

For Hearing and Speech Impaired Only:

(800) 833-8683

March 25, 1988

TO:

ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND COUNTY CLERKS

AND PROPONENT (8877)

FROM\*

DEBORAH SEILER

Assistant to the Secretary of State

Elections and Political Reform

Pursuant to Elections Code § 3520, subd. (b) you are hereby notified that the total number of signatures to the hereinafter named proposed INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT filed with all county clerks is less than 100 percent of the number of qualified voters required to find the petition sufficient; therefore, the petition has failed.

TITLE:

DISABILITY BENEFITS.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

SUMMARY DATE:

October 7, 1987

PROPONENT:

Kevin McCarthy

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Office of the Secretary of State
March Fong Eu

1230 J Street Sacramento, California 95814 Elections Division (916) 445-0820 TDD: (800) 833-8683

December 15, 1987

AMENDED

#### TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, OR COUNTY CLERKS, AND PROPONENT (8777)

Pursuant to Section 3513 of the Elections Code, we transmit herewith a copy of the Title and Summary prepared by the Attorney General on a proposed Initiative Measure entitled:

## DISABILITY BENEFITS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

#### Circulating and Filing Schedule

- 3. Petition Sections:

(If the Proponent files the petition with the county on a date prior to 03/07/88, the county has five working days from the filing of the petition to determine the total number of signatures affixed to the petition and to transmit the total to the Secretary of State.) Elec. C., Sec. 3520(b).

- \* Date adjusted for official deadline which falls on a Saturday. Elec. C., Sec. 60.
- + PLEASE NOTE: To the Proponent who may wish to qualify for the June 7, 1988 Primary Election. The law allows approximately 71 days for county election officials to check and report petition signatures and transmit results. The law also requires that this process be completed 131 days before the election in which the people will vote on the initiative. It is possible that the county may not need precisely 71 days. But if you want to be sure that this initiative qualifies for the June 7, 1988 Primary Election, you should file this petition with the county before November 19, 1987.

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> d. Secretary of State determines whether the total number of signatures filed with all county clerks meets the minimum number of required signatures,

e. Last day for county to determine total number of qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State......Tuesday, 04/05/88

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who signed the petition on a date other than 03/14/88 the last day is not later than the fifteenth day after the county's receipt of notification.) Elec. C., Sec. 3520(d), (e).

f. If the signature count is more than 655,033 or less than 565,711, then the Secretary of State certifies the petition has qualified or failed, and notifies the counties. If the signature count is between 565,711 and 655,033 inclusive, then the Secretary of State notifies the counties using the random sampling technique to determine the validity of 

g. Last day for county to determine actual number of all qualified voters who signed the petition, and to transmit certificate with a blank copy of the petition to the Secretary of State......Wednesday, 05/25/88

(If the Secretary of State notifies the county to determine the number of qualified voters who have signed the petition on a date other than 04/05/88, the last day is not later than the thirtieth day after county's receipt of notification.)

Elec. C., Sec. 3521(b), (c).

h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required 

<sup>\*\*</sup>Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

DISABILITY BENEFITS.
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4. The Proponent of the above named measure is:

Kevin McCarthy 1579 Farmers Lane, Suite 281 Santa Rosa, California 95405 (707) 526-4533

Sincerely,

DEBORAH SEILER

Assistant to the Secretary of State Elections and Political Reform

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Attachment: POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974 REQUIREMENTS



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October 7, 1987

1515 K STREET, SUITE 511 P.O. BOX 944255 SACRAMENTO 94244-2550 (916) 445-9555

(916) 323-1995

Honorable March Fong Eu Secretary of State 1230 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mrs. Eu:

Initiative Title and Summary.
Subject: DISABILITY BENEFITS. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.
Our File No.: SA 87 RF 0022

Pursuant to the provisions of section 3503 and 3513 of the Elections code, you are hereby notified that on this day we mailed to the proponent of the above identified proposed initiative our title and summary.

Enclosed is a copy of our transmittal letter to the proponent, a copy of our title and summary, a declaration of mailing thereof, and a copy of the proposed measure.

According to information available in our records, the name and address of the proponent is as stated on the declaration of mailing.

Very truly yours,

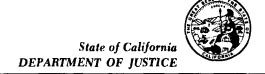
JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP Attorney General

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FLOYD D. SHIMOMURA Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure



October 7, 1987

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FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

Kevin McCarthy 1579 Farmers Lane, Suite 281 Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

Initiative Title and Summary.
Subject: DISABILITY BENEFITS.
AMENDMENT.

CONSTITUTIONAL

Our File No.: SA 87 RF 0022

Pursuant to your request on behalf of the proponents, we have prepared the attached title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the above identified proposed initiative. A copy of our letter to the Secretary of State, as required by Elections Code sections 3503 and 3513, our declaration of mailing, and the text of your proposal that was considered is attached.

The Secretary of State will be sending you shortly a copy of the circulating and filing schedule for your proposal that will be issued by that office.

Please send us a copy of the petition after you have it printed. This copy is not for our review or approval, but to supplement our file in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP Attorney General

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Attachment

# WORKERS' INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN



Station A, P. O. Box 2467 Berkeley, California 94702

26 August 1987

Floyd Shimomura, Esq. Attorney General's Office 1515 K St. Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: California Workers' Initiative Campaign I.D. #870573

Dear Mr. Shimomura:

Per our phone conversation of this date, enclosed please find an amendment to our proposed initiative petition submitted under cover letter of August 18, 1987. The only change under this amendment is a redesignation of the nine point Injured Workers' Bill of Rights as Section 4.5 of Article XIV of the California Constitution rather than Section Two as it was enumerated in our August 18 submission. There are no other changes in language or enumeration between the August 18 submission and this amendment.

Thank you for your call and recommendations. Please let me know if you need any more information or if there are any further problems with our submission.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy (707) 526-4533

Date: October 7, 1987 File No. SA 87 RF 0022

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Provides an DISABILITY BENEFITS. injured worker with disability benefits equal to 2/3 of the workers' gross wage (up to specified maximum) and with family medical insurance. Requires annual benefit adjustment. Benefits awarded provided during appeals process. Prohibits benefit termination except by return to suitable employment, parties' agreement, or order of workers' compensation judge after hearing. Requires hearing within 30 days of request and decision within 30 days of submission. Provides funding for Division of Industrial Accidents and Workers' Compensation Appeals Board from 1% surcharge on the workers' compensation insurance premium or self insurance. Contains other provisions. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: 1. Increased state cost for state workers' compensation benefits of \$10 million to \$100 million annually. Increased costs to local governments of three to four times those of state. 2. In short run, a multi-million dollar net decrease in state General Fund revenues due to loss of tax revenues. Long term effect unknown. 3. State General Fund savings of approximately \$45 million annually resulting from transfer of costs of hearings to a new surcharge on workers' compensation insurance premiums. Surcharge will generate approximately \$75 million annually to cover cost of hearings (\$45 million) plus other costs.

A Constitutional Initiative to amend Article XIV of the California Constitution by adding, immediately following Article XIV, Section 4, a new Section 4.5, as follows:

"Section 4.5: The Injured Workers' Bill of Rights

- Disability benefits cannot be terminated except by an actual return to suitable, gainful employment, by agreement of the parties, or by an order of a Workers' Compensation judge after a formal hearing.
- Disability benefits shall be paid every two weeks on a specified day.
- Medical care provided or prescribed by the worker's treating physician shall be paid within thirty (30) days of request.
- 4. Without exception, a hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of request and a judge's decision shall issue within thirty (30) days of submission of a case.
- 5. Annually adjusted disability benefits of two-thirds (2/3) of the injured worker's pre-injury gross wage, to a maximum of 200% of the State Industrial Average Weekly Wage, and medical insurance for the injured worker and his or her family, shall be provided until the worker actually returns to suitable, gainful employment, or until benefits terminate by agreement of the parties or by order of a Workers Compensation judge after a formal hearing.
- 6. Benefits initially awarded by a Workers Compensation judge shall be provided pending any appeal by the employer or other defendants.
- 7. An injured worker's attorney's fee shall be paid by the employer when the worker obtains an attorney because of a denial of benefits and obtains a reversal of the denial.
- 8. An injured worker has the right to file a civil lawsuit for bad faith in the administration or settlement of the injured worker's compensation claims.
- 9. Funding for the Division of Industrial accidents and Workers Compensation Appeals Board shall come from a 1% sur-charge on the workers compensation insurance premium or self insurance."

#### DECLARATION OF MAILING

The undersigned Declarant, states as follows:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a proponent of the within matter; my place of employment and business address is 1515 K Street, Suite 511, Sacramento, California 95814.

On the date shown below, I mailed a copy of copies of the attached letter to the proponents, by placing a true copy thereof in an envelope addressed to the proponents named below at the addresses indicated, and by sealing and depositing said envelope or envelopes in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with postage prepaid. There is delivery service by United States mail at each of the places so addressed, or there is regular communication by mail between the place of mailing and each of the places so addressed.

Date of Mailing: October 7, 1987

Subject: DISABILITY BENEFITS. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Our File No.: SA 87 RF 0022

Name of Proponents and Addresses:

Kevin McCarthy 1579 Farmers Lane, Suite 281 Santa Rosa, CA 95405

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Sacramento, California October 7, 1987.

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Declarant

(916) 323-1995

#### INITIATIVE CHECK LIST

Phone Notification from	AG - Date/Time: $10/7/87 - 10:30$
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1. <u>Aa 1/0/7/10:45</u>	OSSI informs Deborah/David/Barbara/Caren and Don day and time initative will be ready for pick-up.
2. <u>da 110/7/11/:00</u>	OSSI gives check list to Word Processing Technician to prepare calendar.
3. 999 1998 1 <b>30</b>	Word Processing Technician prepares and proofs calendar and log and returns both to OSSI.
4. <u>da 110/712.00</u>	OSSI proofs calendar and log and gives to Elections Chief for review.
5. Mr. 17/13:15	Elections Analyst reviews and has Elections Chief sign. Elections Analyst returns signed calendar to OSSI.
6. DA 110/713:34	OSSI makes copies of initiative calendar for each proponent.
<u></u>	OSSI attaches copy of Political Reform Act of 1974 Requirements to proponent's copy of initiative calendar.
8. <u>DA 110/713:46</u>	OSSI prepares Mail/Freight Request Form. OSSI hand carrys Mail/Freight Request form and initiative calendar for each proponent (ready for mailing) to Service and Supply. Initiative calendar sent on to each proponent.  Date
9. <u>DA /D/7/4:00</u>	(This <u>must</u> be sent to each proponent same day AG prepares Title and Summary).  OSSI advises Assistant Chief when initiative calendar is sent to proponent(s).

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10. Hot 110/11 4:00	OSSI distributes copies of initiative calendar same day AG prepares Title and Summary to:
	Tony Caren Jerry Deborah Barbara
11. <u>da 1/9/0 5:00</u>	OSSI distributes copies of initiative calendar to:
	All CC/ROV Political Reform (6 copies) Elections Staff LA Office via LA Pouch - J.R. Schultz (12 copies) Initiative mailing list Extra copies for public distribution Master copy
12. da 1/0/8/3:00	OSSI advises Assistant Chief of completion of above distribution.
12. <u>da 1/0/8/3:00</u>	OSSI advises Assistant Chief of completion of above distribution.  OSSI makes copies of log and distributes as follows:
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#### **ELECTIONS DIVISION**

### MAIL/FREIGHT REQUEST

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#### Circulating and Filing Schedule

1.	Minimum number of	signatures required	(-3 <del>72, 178</del> )(595, 485)
	Cal. Const., Art.	II, Sec. 8(b).	
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3. Petition Sections:

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Elec. C., Sec. 3520(d), (e).

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h. Secretary of State certifies whether the petition has been signed by the number of qualified voters required to declare the petition sufficient......

\*\*Date varies based on receipt of county certification.

(TITLE) (DATE) Page 3

4. Campaign Statements:

Last day to file a campaign statement of receipts and expenditures for period ending \_\_\_\_\_\_....

(If the Secretary of State finds that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify on a date earlier than \_\_\_\_\_, the last date to file is the 35th calendar day after the deadline for filing petitions or the date of notification by the Secretary of State that the measure has either qualified or failed to qualify, whichever is earlier. The closing date for the campaign statement is seven days prior to the filing deadline.)

Gov. C., Secs. 84200(d), 84202(j).

5. The Proponent(s) of the above named measure (is/are):

(NAME)
(ADDRESS)
(CITY, STATE ZIP CODE)
(PHONE)

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## CALIFORNIA MÓRKERS' MITIATIVE CAMPAIGN



Station A. P. O. Box 2467 Serkeley, California 94702

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August 18, 1987

Mr. Paul H. Dobson Deputy Attorney General 1515 K St. Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Workers' Initiative Campaign
I.D. #: 870573

Dear Mr. Dobson:

Enclosed, under Elections Code section 3502, is a proposed initiative petition, including an exact statement of the proposed measure. Please prepare a summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$200.00. As the official proponent for the initiative, I would request, on behalf of CWIC, a Title and Summary.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. It you have any questions or need further information please contact me at the address and phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy

1579 Farmers Lane, Ste. 281

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

(707) 526-4533

A constitutional initiative to amend Article XIV of the California Constitution by adding, as a section two immediately following the current last paragraph of Article XIV, the following:

"Section Two: The Injured Workers' Bill of Rights

- Disability benefits cannot be terminated except by an actual return to suitable, gainful employment, by agreement of the parties, or by an order of a Workers' Compensation judge after a formal hearing.
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