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Dr. Richard C. Neer, D.D.S.

Oxnard, California

Dear Dr. Neer:

Reference your wire of May 23 regarding fluoridation:

I was probably the only member of the seven man committee who approached the hearings with an open mind - hence my deciding vote. It appeared three Republicans were against it because Governor Reagan's people expressed concern about strong opposition among the conservatives. Three Democrats were for the bill with two already co-authors. That left me going into a very important undertaking as the one who asked most of the questions and the one who carried the responsibility for moving the bill. Attached herewith is my public letter concerning the testimony.

If the local doctors and dentists want to fluoridate water, they can bring the matter to the attention of the City Council or the Board of Supervisors. Any city and county desiring to treat their water supplies already have the authority to accomplish this by a simple majority vote of the council or board. Since I strongly advocate and support local control (home rule) and since I oppose mandating medication statewide and since I believe deeply in the right of the people to express themselves at the ballot box, I must oppose any mandating of medication statewide. I would, however, support the local City Council or Board of Supervisors should they want to embark upon a fluoridation program.

I will always be ready to consider your point of view on any issue facing our community and state, but I also will always call the issue as I see it with equity and reason.

Sincerely,

J. K. MAC DONALD

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