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Supporters and opponents of a **ballot** measure that would restrict services for **illegal immigrants clashed** at a demonstration yesterday, first engaging in verbal taunts then hitting each other with fists, picket signs and filled soda cans.

At least **six** people were injured and one person was hospitalized at UCLA Medical Center after the two groups **clashed** about 9:30 a.m., authorities said.

The nature of the injuries was not immediately known.

"I wasn't doing anything. I was just holding my flag," said one of the demonstrators, Bob Schwartz, who was left with a gash to the head and a shirt soaked in blood. "All at once, one of them grabbed my flag and hit me **over** the head."

About 150 police officers wearing helmets and wielding batons separated the groups - representing **both sides** of the volatile debate **over** Proposition 187 - and the demonstrations were allowed to proceed.

Protesters continued to shout at each other, but no more fights broke out.

About 300 people turned out at the federal building near the University of California campus for the **rally** in support of Proposition 187 and a counter-demonstration by **immigrant**-rights activists.

Approved by voters in 1994, Proposition 187 would deny public education, nonemergency health care and social welfare services to **illegal immigrants**.

The measure has not gone into effect because of court challenges.

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