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Contract with Indiana: How much will it cost? Nobody really knows

INDIANAPOLIS - When a big corporation seeks an internal revamp, it will most likely commission a study, take internal audits, gauge its impact against the competition and its environment. If it sees increased profits, the retooling begins, sometimes with great fanfare.

In September, Republicans from across the nation traveled to Washington to sign their "Contract with America" - 10 laws they promised to vote on within the first 100 days of Congress. A few days later, Indiana GOP legislative candidates gathered on the steps of the Statehouse to unveil their "Contract with Indiana." It received nominal media interest, and, unlike its national counterpart, faded from public notice.

Until Nov. 8, when Republicans won control of the Indiana House. That sent movers and shakers across Indiana seeking their forgotten copy of the contract. "After the election, I had to dig this thing up because I didn't think they'd win," admitted David Bennett of the Taxpayers Research Association.

The key question a month before the 109th General Assembly convenes is what impact will the Republican "Contract with Indiana" have on the next biennial budget?

The succinct answer is: nobody knows.

In essence, it's Bob Woodward's "Agenda" revisited, with the Clinton administration trying to foist off the bureaucratizing of health care as "revenue neutral" when Ira Magaziner was really pulling numbers out of the air. Or, to find Republican historical gremlins, remember 1981 when President Reagan hauled David Stockman to the woodshed after Stockman admitted that numbers that supposedly would increase defense spending, cut taxes and balance the budget were cooked up.

Some of the usual suspects are seeking the answers. But it's safe to say that deliberations won't begin in earnest until after Budget Director Jean Blackwell releases 1995 budget projections on Dec. 22. Meanwhile, House Speaker Paul Mannweiler - operating with his

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Quote Of The Week:

"Now that we've had a taste of the majority, I'm not looking forward to this..."

- State Rep. Jeff Hays
D-Evansville

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Congress Watch

Contract with America: Souder sorts out tangents and rhetoric

FORT WAYNE - Congressman-elect Mark Souder believes much of incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich's recent rhetoric is aimed at placating crucial right-of-center constituencies as his revolution commences.

Souder also said his role likely will evolve once the "Contract with America" votes occur and congressional Republicans come to the "now what?" second and third stages of the revolution.

Failure - destruction of the current governing system without a plan to rebuild - will result in a wild-card third party, he told *HPR* prior to leaving for Washington.

Souder acknowledged many "vindictive" statements coming from congressional Republicans in recent weeks and said, "I have a very simple message to the guys in the leadership. We signed this contract and it will be very difficult to get this stuff done in the first 100 days. Why don't you stick to what we talked about and then we'll worry about the next 100 days after that.

"You have a bunch of freshman that are coming in focused on the contract. And a group of House leadership who are very focused on the contract but have this tendency to want to wander off.

"Then you've got some committee chairmen who for the first time are freed up and they're like a bunch of wild Indians right now, saying what they want to do. You've got the Senate deeply divided with a lot of senior members hostile to the contract and a core group of people - Gramm, Lott, Coats - who will push the contract ideas. But some of those people will be involved in the upcoming presidential campaign - Gramm and Dole - so what you have is a Senate that seems disorganized.

"One of the concerns I have and the House guys have is that this stuff will get through the House and rather than having a showdown with Clinton, we'll have a showdown with our own party which will serve as a buffer for Clinton.

"The reason Gingrich and the House guys are keeping the rhetoric cranked up so hard is this is the way it looked in the early stages of health care. It looked like Dole and some of the Senate Republicans were going to cut some deal and not stand up for where their core constituency was. The House, initially goaded by talk radio and then as they came back, town meetings, pushed the Senate into following the House lead."

Souder said Gingrich pushing a school prayer amendment was "very close to what President Clinton did with gays in the military."

"Why in the world, when we come in with the majority with a clear focus, would you bring that up?"

Souder asked.

Souder said he talked with Rep. Dan Burton about the tangent rhetoric and "I told him if we don't get the contract done, voted on, we're all in a whole bunch of trouble."

Souder said that "five to 10 really strong Christian Coalition guys" are seeking House leadership positions, prompting the tangent rhetoric.

"My impression is that there is more a method to the madness than it looks to an outsider," Souder said. "I'm not sure if I were in their shoes that I would do this differently.

Souder said he will help with some of the "radical" reforms initially, but believes his role will accelerate after the first 100 days.

"One of the ways I think I can get into leadership is because I have a broader interest in empowerment and social issues, yet I have complete and total credibility because I'm a big believer in pro-life, anti-pornography agendas and as an evangelical, I will be able to reach out to the moderates.

"I can play a function in framing that agenda, not in the first 100 days, because that agenda is very defined, but in phase two and phase three. The media is going to kill us after phase one. They're going to say, 'You've torn up the whole system. Now what are you going to do?'"

Souder said most of the new members "are oriented not on what are we going to do, but how we are going to tear down." He said his experience will position him well once the reconstruction begins.

"I believe leadership understands that," Souder said. "Their (leadership's) immediate problem is the bulk of the electorate that just elected us wants to see some evidence that there is actually some difference.

"If that base doesn't see that, they're going to go to a third party because they know the Democrats aren't going to do it and if we can't do some tearing down of the structure and some radical reform, they know a Perot or some combination of a (William) Bennett and a (Colin) Powell will come in and say, 'We're going to tear up the system' and who knows what will happen in America."

HPR asked Souder if the fiscal impact of the "Contract with America" is recognized by House leadership, which has been criticized for a plan that could create exploding deficits.

"It's a fair question that I don't know the answer to," Souder said. "I think you can assume one thing: we're going to have a big battle between the Kemp people and the budget people."

Dewey's Dictionary by Ambrose Bierce

Battle, *n.* A method of untying with the teeth a political knot that would not yield to the tongue.

Debache, *n.* One who has so earnestly pursued pleasure that he has had the misfortune to overtake it.

The Horse Races (of the past)

Bill Schreiber's Bohemian Election

INDIANAPOLIS - Bill Schreiber was curious, so he looked up the 1978 mid-term election results earlier this fall. He promptly booked an early November vacation to Prague and Budapest, among other exotic European spots.

Of course, 1978 was the last time Democrats had to endure an election with a former Southern governor performing weakly in the White House. Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon's political strategist saw the bad moon rising.

Schreiber told *HPR* he is not interested in becoming Democratic Party chairman should Ann DeLaney step down. What he has been doing is mulling over traditional Democratic urban territory from the Nov. 8 election and it shows that Hoosier Democrats have a lot of work to do. For example:

❑ In State Rep. Pat Bauer's 6th House District in South Bend, he was down 45.9 percent from 1992.

❑ In State Sen. Frank Mrvan's 1st Senate District in Hammond, his numbers were off 43.5 percent.

❑ In State Rep. John Day's 100th House District in Indianapolis, the numbers were off 42.6 percent. In four Center Township black precincts, the numbers were off 45.2 percent, 44.2 percent, 43.8 percent, and 45 percent, contributing to the defeat of State Rep. Paul Cantwell.

The key procedural flaw in this election cycle, Schreiber insists, was that Democrats were asking "Who are you going to vote for?" instead of "Will you vote?"

"The threshold question is the second one," he said.

One conclusion is that urban Democrats don't vote mid-term, when county elections occur, and the perception is that county offices are not urbanized (ouch!).

The other problem is that while the nation has shifted to the right, it has left two core Democratic constituencies - minorities and labor - stranded and disaffected.

It appears the Democrats could use a think tank.

Upcoming HPR Publishing Schedule:

Dec. 15 - Amazing election year stories

Jan. 12 - Legislative, municipal election coverage

Jan. 19 - Previewing Newt's revolution

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GOP vows to take Becker-GiaQuinta race to House floor

INDIANAPOLIS - Don't be surprised if the 80th House District race is decided sometime in January...on the House floor.

State Rep. Ben GiaQuinta was declared the winner over Republican John Becker by one vote after 39 ballots were declared invalid, most because they had one more signature than was needed. Becker believes the poll officials were operating under 1980s guidelines.

On Thursday, Marion County Circuit Court Judge William Lawrence took under advisement an injunction for the seating of the Indiana Recount Commission until Dec. 13. That effectively postponed a meeting later in the day of the Recount Commission.

Republicans believe incoming Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy should be seated on the commission instead of outgoing Democrat Joe Hogsett.

State Rep. Mik Young was asked if the representative from Fort Wayne will ultimately take the form of a party-line vote on the House floor. "We'll have to take a vote at some point," Young said.

"Before the State Board of Accounts declared those ballots invalid, I wouldn't have wanted to do it that way," said Becker. "But because these were disqualified because of extra signatures instead of voter error, yes, we'll take it all the way to the House floor."

GiaQuinta said he was disappointed, accusing Republicans of delaying tactics. "The proceedings should have been allowed to proceed," the Democrat said.

"The State Board of Accounts did an excellent job," GiaQuinta said.

1994 Indiana Election Results

These are Nov. 8, 1994 federal, State use and legislative results officially verified by the Secretary of State's office on Nov. 30. Races being recounted and subject to change include the 1st Senate and the 80th and 56th House.

US SENATE

Lugar (R) 1,039,625
Jontz (D) 470,799
Bourland (L) 17,343
Barton (A) 15,801

1ST CD

Visclosky (D) 68,612
Larson (R) 52,920

2ND CD

McIntosh (R) 93,592
Hogsett (D) 78,241

3RD CD

Roemer (D) 72,497
Burkett (R) 58,787

4TH CD

Souder (R) 83,466
Long (D) 65,956

5TH CD

Buyer (R) 108,575
Beatty (D) 43,619
Alfred (I) 3,328

6TH CD

Burton (R) 136,876
Bruner (D) 40,815

7TH CD

Myers (R) 104,359
Harmless (D) 55,941

8TH CD

Hostettler (R) 93,529
McCloskey (D) 84,857

9TH CD

Hamilton (D) 91,459
Leising (R) 84,315

10TH CD

Jacobs (D) 58,573
Scott (R) 50,998

SEC. OF STATE

Gilroy (R) 902,100
Jeffers (D) 542,539
Dillon (L) 32,483
Knight (A) 13,948

TREASURER

Brinkman (R) 848,809
Humphrys (D) 599,894
Dasbach (L) 25,665
Carr (A) 12,519

AUDITOR

Wooden (R) 888,721
Gonzalez (D) 513,452
Hauptmann (L) 46,849
Tirado (A) 10,786

CLERK OF COURT

Okeson (R) 830,920
Wharry (D) 554,103
Dillon (L) 46,584
Propes (A) 14,742

INDIANA SENATE**1ST DISTRICT**

Mirvan (D) 13,114
Dempsey (R) 13,060

4TH DISTRICT

Antich (D) 14,156
Strawhun (R) 12,992

6TH DISTRICT

Landske (R) 19,029
Higgins (D) 7,915

11TH DISTRICT

Zakas (R) 17,120
Leone (D) 8,744

14TH DISTRICT

Worman (R) 21,557
Rosswurm (D) 11,816

15 DISTRICT

Wyss (R) 17,295
Bradbury (D) 11,142

17TH DISTRICT

Wheeler (R) 20,737
Schwartz (D) 14,930

19TH DISTRICT

Ford (R) 18,870
Mackin (D) 16,776

21ST DISTRICT

Johnson (R) 22,951
Herrell (D) 12,930

22ND DISTRICT

Gery (D) 13,237
Koltick (R) 11,539

23RD DISTRICT

Harrison (R) 20,290
Shelby (D) 14,276

25TH DISTRICT

McCarty (D) 23,518
Heid (R) 13,881

26TH DISTRICT

Craycraft (D) 17,350
Wenger (R) 16,334

27TH DISTRICT

Paul (R) 22,080
Davis (D) 9,967

29TH DISTRICT

Clark (R) 22,078
Jontz (D) 8,492

31ST DISTRICT

Merritt (R) 20,323
Burns (D) 7,317

38TH DISTRICT

Hellman (D) 19,167
May (R) 13,023

39TH DISTRICT

Waterman (R) 17,845
Doll (D) 17,365

41ST DISTRICT

Garton (R) 19,434
Webb (D) 12,637

43RD DISTRICT

Nugent (R) 21,845
Yount (D) 15,073

45TH DISTRICT

Lewis (D) 15,465
Goering (R) 13,780

46TH DISTRICT

Smith (D) 17,550
Real (R) 12,289

47TH DISTRICT

Young (D) 23,404
Street (R) 16,246

48TH DISTRICT

Hume (D) 25,750

49TH DISTRICT

O'Day (D) 23,312

INDIANA HOUSE**1ST DISTRICT**

Tabaczynski (D) 6,644

2ND DISTRICT

Harris (D) 9,704

3RD DISTRICT

Brown (D) 9,060

4TH DISTRICT

Ayres (R) 14,672

5TH DISTRICT

Fry (D) 6,111
Natynka (R) 4,237

6TH DISTRICT

Bauer (D) 6,337
Fisher (R) 4,537

7TH DISTRICT

Kromkowski (D) 8,102

8TH DISTRICT

Dvorak (D) 9,323
Sulok (R) 5,998

9TH DISTRICT

Alevizos (D) 11,202

10TH DISTRICT

Wilson (D) 9,701

11TH DISTRICT

Stevenson (D) 6,152
Baron (R) 5,601

12TH DISTRICT

Villalpando (D) 6,267
Spott (R) 3,179

13 DISTRICT

Dobis (D) 8,348

14TH DISTRICT

Smith (D) 7,373

15TH DISTRICT

Fesko (R) 9,159
Savage (D) 3,743

16TH DISTRICT

Smith (R) 13,018

17TH DISTRICT

Cook (D) 10,035

18TH DISTRICT

Wolkins (R) 12,266

19TH DISTRICT

Conlon (R) 8,850
McCall (D) 5,280

20TH DISTRICT

Budak (R) 12,688

21ST DISTRICT

Mangus (R) 8,776

22ND DISTRICT

Ruppel (R) 10,954

23RD DISTRICT

Friend (R) 12,401

24TH DISTRICT

McClain (R) 10,421
Frantz (D) 7,686

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Leuck (D) 10,274
Boots (R) 6,940

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Columnists

Hunter S. Thompson, *Rolling Stone* - At the age of 5, I got trapped in a stall for 45 minutes with a huge horse named Buddy, who went suddenly crazy and kicked himself to death with terrible shrieking noises while I huddled in the urine-soaked straw right underneath his hoofs. My uncle Lawless, a kindly dairy farmer, was flogging the brute across the eyes with a 2-by-4 and trying to get a strangle rope around his neck, but the horse was too crazy to deal with. Finally, in desperation, he ran back to the house and got a double-barrel 10-gauge shotgun. "So much for that one," he said as he dragged me out from under the dead animal's body. I was covered with blood and hot, steaming excrement. No one seemed to know why it happened. "It was suicide," the vet said later. Uncle Lawless loved animals, and he was never able to reconcile murdering that horse with his basic Christian beliefs. He sold his farm and went into the real estate business in southern Indiana, and finally he went insane.

Morton Marcus, *syndicated* - No one should expect a revolutionary new relationship between business and government as a result of the Republican majorities elected on Nov. 8. For example, no one expects the congressional Republicans to alter the preferential tax treatment given to the housing industry and homeowners. Currently, taxpayers can deduct mortgage interest payments from their gross incomes, thus reducing the amount of taxes they owe the federal government. Can you recall hearing any of Indiana's three new representatives advocating repeal of this provision in the federal tax code? Did any of our incumbent winners of either party suggest denying the deduction for interest on home equity loans? As I read it, Republicans have been elected to untangle the twisted knots without loosening the beneficial bonds.

David L. Haase, *Indianapolis News* - Day 11 of the Republican Revolution and Indiana's clout seems to be slipping away. Revolutions are like that, all full of unintended consequences. Rep. John Myers looked like a shoo-in for the top seat on House Appropriations, the big-money committee in Congress. That was before Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich just said, "Shoo." If Newt and the gang also stamp out the Post Office and Civil Service Committee, which looks pretty certain, Rep. Dan Burton can put his hopes of chairing a full committee in an envelope and hand it to the U.S. Postal Service for delivery some time next century. Yes, revolutions are hard to predict and harder still to control.

John Krull, *Indianapolis News* - Michael Dukakis and John Hostettler don't have much in common. Dukakis is a former Democratic Party presidential nominee, a three-time governor of Massachusetts, a Northeasterner with a nearly impeccable liberal pedigree. Hostettler, at 33, is

nearly 30 years younger than Dukakis and just at the start of his political career. A bona fide member of the religious right, Hostettler is even more conservative than Dukakis is liberal. But there are things they have in common that are as important as their differences. Perhaps even more so. A commitment to serve. A faith in the country to which that service is rendered. And a belief in the American system of government. With both Dukakis and Hostettler, the trait that impressed me most about each man was his belief that Americans have an obligation to give something back to their country.

Harrison Ullman, *Nuvo* - You walk into the lounge of the Indiana State Senate - the Chamber of Commerce in America's worst state legislature - and you'll see a wall of photo portraits that honor the senators who have been Presidents Pro Tem. They are always men, always white, and almost always Republican. Two of the last three Republican Presidents Pro Tem of the Indiana Senate were convicted for selling law from their offices in the Statehouse. Phil Gutman and Chip Edwards both ended their public careers in federal prisons. But their mug shots are still given honorable display. The current President Pro Tem, Bob Garton, earns much of his private income by selling speeches - not laws, he says - to the organized interests that lobby the General Assembly. Garton's private income is entirely legal under Indiana law. When the former Presidents Pro Tem took their federal falls, the concerned members of America's worst state legislature proceeded to decriminalize the correction of themselves. Garton's income could get him indicted in other states, but in Indiana his speaker's fees are an honorable way to rent a state senator. It's almost impossible now to find an illegal way to bribe a Hoosier legislator.

Brian Howey, *HPR* - If you listen to the national prognosticators, most will tell you Dan Quayle stands little chance of being elected president. Even in the Indiana media, unnamed friends of Quayle have urged him to sit out the 1996 race. That is ludicrous. Dan Quayle can win the Republican nomination in 1996. His strategy to pull it off is falling into place perfectly. Oliver North, the darling of the Christian Coalition, lost his Senate bid in Virginia. That leaves Quayle positioned as the Christian right's Republican of choice. His former chief of staff, Bill Kristol, has become the cerebral driving force behind Newt's Revolution. The first 1996 presidential caucus occurs in Iowa, a state where the GOP is dominated by Christian Coalition activists. That's followed by the first primary - New Hampshire, home of *Newsweek* focus group where seven out of 12 chose Quayle. Another hunch is that Quayle's "hard as nails" constituency in a crowded field (with possibly 10 contenders) suggests that after Iowa and New Hampshire, Quayle stands a pretty decent chance of creating a new perception and getting the "mo."

Musings and Meanderings

Sununu, Granit staters lining up behind Quayle

The *Boston Globe* has reported that former New Hampshire Gov. John Sununu may throw early support to former Vice President Dan Quayle for the 1996 presidential nomination. "I wouldn't be surprised at all if Gov. Sununu supported the Quayles," said David M. Carney, deputy director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and a long-time campaign confidant to the former White House chief of staff.

Several other key New Hampshire Republicans may be headed Quayle's way early, including current Gov. Stephen Merrill and U.S. Rep. Bill Zeff. "I like him a lot," Carney said of Quayle. "He will be a tenacious campaigner, he'll raise a lot of money and he will have staying power beyond New Hampshire."

Said *Newsweek* White House correspondent Tom DeFrank on CNN's "Inside Politics" about Quayle's strengths: "He has a lot of political IOUs, he's very popular in the South and with the Christian Coalition, very popular in Iowa, and in New Hampshire, he's got Sununu working for him along with the top political operative Tom Rath, and the *Manchester Union-Leader* will probably endorse him. Many of the Republicans who are most committed like Dan Quayle a lot."

Quayle's blood clot that has him hospitalized at Indiana University Medical Center this week isn't expected to have a negative impact on the looming race. And he won't be the only one with past medical emergencies. Dick Cheney has had heart problems and Sen. Bob Dole has had prostate cancer.

□ANDERSON JOINS MCINTOSH: Indiana State Republican Committee chief of staff Devin Anderson is expected to be named administrative assistant to Congressman-elect David McIntosh. And speaking of McIntosh, he had an hour-long interview for ABC's *Nightline* during the campaign. It finally aired during Tuesday night's segment on Newt Gingrich and was reduced to one sentence: "I think the whole freshman class will be a force in those areas and will want to see the Congress implement the contract."

□CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Mark Wickersham, campaign manager for Mark Souder in the 4th CD, has been named Souder's district director. In the 8th CD, Rep.-elect John Hosettler has appointed campaign aids Rob Ziegler and Rob Krieg as legislative assistants.

□LUGAR TO ASSAULT AG SUBSIDIES: *U.S. News & World Report* confirmed remarks *HPR* has been hearing about Sen. Richard Lugar's looming assault on the Department of Agriculture. "When farm legislation comes

up in the Senate Agriculture Committee early next year, Lugar will wield a sharp knife on the five-year, \$70 billion program. The first draft of the bill will contain zero amounts for each of the major farm subsidy programs," the magazine said.

□COATS AND ACCOUNTABILITY: U.S. Sen. Dan Coats in the Nov. 12 edition of the *National Journal*: "The great danger for Republicans is that we'll get bogged down and the change won't be dramatic. If we fail, we have to explain why." Coats also said majority status "sneaked up on us in the last 60 days" of the campaign.

□BILL FILING DEADLINE: Roger Schmelzer who's now on Speaker Paul Mannweiler's busy staff said the new speaker intends to "front end the system" by giving legislators the green light to file as many bills before Jan. 3. Between Jan. 4 and the 10th session day, all bills filed will face near-certain doom in the rules committee.

□HARMLESS MULLS '96 REMATCH: Democrat Michael Harmless isn't blaming his decisive defeat on the GOP tidal wave, telling Max Showalter at WASK-AM in Lafayette that he advocated many of the same issues - campaign finance reform, consolidating Congress - that Republicans are now championing. The Greencastle mayor said he will see how the new House takes shape during the first 100 days before deciding whether to run again in 1996. Harmless also said he was telling voters six to eight weeks before the election that Myers would not be chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "Myers represents business as usual in Washington D.C....the philosophy of continuing to spend money," Harmless said.

□HOGSETT'S FUTURE: Secretary of State Joe Hogsett's name keeps popping up as a potential successor to Ann DeLaney as Indiana Democratic chair, should she decide to step down. DeLaney will make a final decision after the holidays. Hogsett told *HPR* he plans to live in Rushville, will attend Christian Theological Seminary and will "stay involved in Democratic Party politics." Hogsett also made it clear that should Gov. Evan Bayh call on his campaign expertise, "I'll be there."

□NEWS ENDORSES LONG: An *Indianapolis News* editorial endorsed Rep. Jill Long for secretary of agriculture. And Network Indiana's Mike Pence predicted President Clinton will name Long to the post. The *Indianapolis Star's* George Stuteville reported that following a White House meeting Tuesday morning, Long rounded up 20 votes on the GATT treaty. That may make Long the front-runner for the Clinton cabinet.

TIME CITES BAYH: *Time* magazine has cited Gov. Evan Bayh as one of 50 upcoming young leaders.

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minority staff - is frantically trying to coagulate the numbers.

"We're working on that right now," Mannweiler acknowledged. "We'll have much done by introduction date for legislation.

Five of the 10 points in the contract will have budgetary impact. Two - the excise tax repeal and property tax reform - almost certainly will be passed by the House. A third, calling for "market reforms on Medicaid," could set the stage for something an Indiana General Assembly isn't used to: enacting radical reform.

Two other contract points - "adopt a cap on state spending" and "keeping violent offenders in prison" longer - are ambiguous. HPR could not find a Hoosier bean counter to quantify their impact.

Jeff Wuensch of the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute said that organization "hasn't really examined what impact the contract will have." He has calculated that despite Gov. Bayh's efforts to reduce Medicaid expenditures - up only 1 percent in 1994 - those expenses are due to rise 12 percent in 1996

"I'm not surprised nobody knows," said Bill Styring of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation. Not that he hasn't tried.

Styring is working off one assumption. "The revenue forecast is going to be up quite a bit," he said. "We underestimated it last year. So far this year, we're substantially ahead of target. It wouldn't be outlandish for this year's forecast to go up by \$200 million."

A 30-percent auto excise tax reduction will cost the state in the area of \$50 million annually.

The most controversial idea, market reforms for Medicaid based on a the "TennCare" program in Tennessee, could bring the state a \$100 million savings, Styring said. In Tennessee, state officials received a waiver

er from the federal government and moved Medicaid recipients from emergency room care to HMOs. Enough money has been saved to add 450,000 people into a health care program.

Tennessee Finance Commissioner David Manning told *Newsweek*s Joe Klein the plan has covered "upwards of 95 percent" and is on budget. "We could go out and find the best quality health insurance, pay the deductible and keep the co-pay," Styring said.

But Bennett begs to differ, noting that Styring's plan addresses only AFDC recipients. "That's the only category that comes in on non-health related accounts," Bennett said. "I haven't a clue what you'd save there."

Property tax reforms will have an impact, mostly at the local level. Styring believes the House will attempt to 'I'm not surprised nobody knows'

-Bill Styring

put school district transportation accounts back into the general fund, or at least cap it. There will be attempts to place stricter controls on debt service as well as a complete retooling of remonstrance procedures.

No one has a clue what costs the state will incur by making violent criminals serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Most intriguing to Styring is the GOP's proposal to "cap state spending." Most likely any law passed would be meaningless, Styring said. "It needs to be constitutional and it needs to apply to the whole budget. Otherwise, there will be a bull market for budgetary magicians," he said.

"The bottom line? "It's doable," Styring said.

But, as with anything else concocted under the legislative gun, it won't be pretty. And even if Mannweiler and the Republicans had time to do the corporate-style studies, there's no guarantee of success.

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