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the DAS to have the agency take care of this. The Governor has decreed that all state agencies should work toward this end to do away with a lot of forms. We found at the hearing that the Welfare Department has one person that is assigned to just drafting forms, and we thought this was unthought of to have one person just designing forms. So now this will cut down on forms greatly. We have reports from the State of Washington who has had this act on since 1973, that since this law was enacted, they saved three and a half million dollars in direct cost and twenty-one and a half million dollars in indirect savings. That pertains to the businesses, they feel that this forms management act has saved that much to the businesses and the individuals affected by filling out forms, commodities, or surveys and things like that. Now if this comes about, if we pass this bill, it will be supervised by DAS and no form after July 1st, 1982 will...you will have to be required to fill that...you won't be required to fill that form unless it has the seal of approval from DAS. In the State of Indiana they have a law like this and this was passed in 1978, and at that time there were 68,000 separate forms to run their state government, and since 1978 that number has been reduced to 42,500 with another 10,000 that are targeted for extinction this year. They save approximately \$500,000 per year and they will have saved...they figure they are going to save \$13 million. So you can see that there is a great savings to be found by having a forms management act. The reason that we have decided to do this by statute instead of having the Governor do it by decree is because when there is an administration change, we want this to carry on and not be abolished. So I move that this bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. A lot of hours were put in on LB 292 and now that the committee amendments are adopted, Bob Beecham, the only opponent to 292 worked on those amendments and is now satisfied with the form that 292 is in. So the opposition has been cleared up and, as a matter of fact, he worked on the amendments. I would urge your support of 292.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I would like to ask Senator Maresh a couple of questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, will you yield?