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## **Angst and the Daniels Revolution**

Cities, counties threaten public safety cuts, but Governor presses historic reforms

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INDIANAPOLIS -Gov. Thomas R. Marshall tried to profoundly change Indiana government and was thwarted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Gov. Paul McNutt reorganized Indiana's bureaucratic mishmash in the 1930s. Gov. Doc Bowen's 1973 property tax reforms worked for about a decade. But nothing - save,



perhaps, Gov. Oliver P. Morton's radical Civil War finance scheme - approaches the historic significance of the local government revolution Gov. Mitch Daniels is working on stage center these days.

And in sharp contrast to Gov. Morton, who dis-

missed the copperhead legislature, Gov. Daniels' tax reforms are passing both Indiana General Assembly houses with huge bipartisan majorities. After a week of plaintiff cries from local officials about the caps in HB1001 and SJR-1 - including one Hammond firefighter who predicted "deaths" - Gov. Daniels told Howey Politics Indiana on

## IU's crack addiction

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INDIANAPOLIS - As an Indiana University alum, I long ago lost any remorse for forsaking several trips to Bloomington each winter and, instead, setting my fandom up at Hinkle Fieldhouse. For the last decade, I have thrilled in the "Butler Way" - great defense, motion offense with



a lot of passing, three-point shooting, high academic standards and pristine ethics. Any Hoosier fan knows exactly what I'm talking about here. Those used to be the attributes of IU. It's not a fluke that two recent Butler coaches now walk the sidelines at Ohio State and Iowa in the Big Ten.

It's been a delight to watch



"I know one thing I don't believe and that's you." - U.S. Rep. Dan Burton to Roger Clemens trainer Brian Mc-Namee on Wednesday