

some problem with the Water Resources people a few years ago with our hardbound publications. The Insurance Department, I still believe is still sending a hundred and fifty-two copies of their annual insurance report to this Legislative body as they did when we had two houses, and some of those could be eliminated. But on the...and I guess maybe I'm asking an opinion, how much of a percentage reduction in all this printing will this result in?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Murphy, I don't...we don't have a, you know, a firm figure. I can tell you this, that I... we assume there will be some reduction. In addition, during the committee discussions this year the staff was requested before the session in analyzing all agency requests to pull out their expenditures for publications, brochures, and the associated postage that went with them, and we are... will be reviewing each of those expenditures within agencies to try to identify areas to reduce some cost and try to make a determination whether those various reports, newsletters, etc., are constructive and beneficial, if there's a cost benefit ratio that justifies their continuance. Now, what kind of a dollar amount of reduction might come out of that I don't know. But I would anticipate that we're going to incur some savings, because the cost of both printing and, of course, of postage has risen substantially in the last three or four years.

SENATOR MURPHY: There is no standard format of reporting by the various agencies of that at this time is there? Those reports do not seem to correlate one with the other as far as what the request for information to be covered is. They're pretty much left at their own discretion as to how they make the report, are they not?

SENATOR WARNER: I think that's generally true, Senator Murphy. It runs in my mind, and I can't identify agencies, but it runs in my mind that there has been, and maybe looking through the bill there may be some agencies that have more specific instructions, but I think generally the language is similar to what we find, well even in the first section of a detailed reports of its receipts, disbursements, transactions and activities for the preceding year, and that's pretty general language.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on LB 322? If not, Senator Warner, would you have any closing?