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either way, whether we take it from the aid to municipalities, which goes back to the personal property tax days of 1970s, or if we remove \$3 million from MIRF, either way it does add \$6 million, \$3 million each year, to our General Fund availability. So that is the intent of what we did in our committee. It's what Senator Chambers is doing, but recognize that if this would happen to pass then it would all...there is also a \$3 million less in the municipalities. If you have your book up here, The Legislator's Guide, on page 12-5 and 12-7 it gives the history of what we've done to MIRF. We've cut that in half in the last three years, and the municipality aid fund has been cut from 17 to 13 million this year. We took another 10 percent of that this year. Then we took another \$3 million from that this year. So rough numbers would say that the municipal aid now has gone from 17 down to 10 million. That's rough. I'll have those numbers next week. But we have significantly reduced aid to counties, aid to cities in the coming...upcoming budget, which you'll see. But to reiterate here, I'm going to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment at this time. Perhaps the time will come in another couple weeks that the MIRF is the correct place to go. I'm reluctant to do it today until I fully understand the ramifications. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Thompson, excuse me.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I don't want to labor this. I had my light on because I had the MIRF bills, the last two, the special session and the regular session, and I think it's been adequately explained but I want to just give you a little history of MIRF. It was created in 1989 and the funds are allocated to the municipalities on a per capita basis, and it can be used for infrastructure only. The bill that was heard by the Appropriations Committee eliminated the funding and the funding source was already scheduled to sunset in 2008-09. The...I think Senator Wehrbein mentioned, and I'm not going to go back over this, that there has been a decrease in the funds over the years, but we would be in a position where we would probably be able to save around \$3 million by eliminating MIRF. This bill came out of the Revenue Committee in the special session and it's already...and