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started out that way. I think in our good intentions in trying to help with the property tax burdens, we have often moved away from that basic principle of local control, local decisions, local taxes. Now what streams do cities have available to them? Well, we've talked about the fact that they do not have an income tax stream, therefore, they have not suffered from the volatility that we are currently suffering from at the federal and state levels because of our income tax receipt decline. They do have a property tax stream and that has stayed very constant. In fact, it has grown with valuations. They have a local option sales tax option if they choose to avail themselves of that, and I have been one who has been supportive of broadening the sales tax base so that in fact the rates could be held at a reasonable level, but that would also allow the local municipalities with a local option sales tax to amass the funds that that would raise at the local level. If, in fact, the body continues to support LB 759 or an even further broadening of the sales tax for cities, the cities would in fact have an income stream that expands. So we have to look at the whole picture here of what we're doing with other bills and what our measure of support is for those other kinds of income streams. There's one other income stream that local cities have, and that's the occupation tax, and that in fact is not a restricted tax. It is not under the budget limitations that the state has put in place, and it is available for the cities. And so again there is an income stream where they can avail themselves of it. I think Senator Thompson has made a good case for this. Three million dollars may seem like a lot of money, but when spread out across all of the municipalities in this city or this state it really is not a great deal of money. But we can look at our other responsibilities here at the state. We can look at what we're doing with cigarette taxes and we can ask ourselves if we've listened to our citizens who have complained through the years about the use of cigarette taxes for buildings, buildings that they're not allowed to smoke in, by the way. So I'm going to stand with Senator Thompson and thank her for bringing the bill. I don't think it's ever easy to suggest eliminating a program. And I don't think it's irresponsibility when, in fact, we have made provision for local entities to make themselves whole in other ways. I'd much rather have our local entities with local control and not down here every year worrying about