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some of the city legislators to discuss this when the bill was up. I don't know the answer to that. All I know is that now, when I read the newspaper accounts and I get e-mails from my city officials that they feel that it's going to put them at a \$9 million disadvantage, they asked if I can do something, and I said, all I can do is discuss it on the floor. I think we talk a lot in here about local control, and I would suggest that this amendment takes a certain element of local control away from the cities. Historically, the sales tax has gone into general fund. I think if you look at sales tax that's applied to other things, it's not restricted to building roads or buildings. It is simply a sales tax that's levied that goes to cities to use as they see fit within the law. So what we have here today, or what was adopted on General File, is an amendment that restricts, to my knowledge, the first time, how a community...how a city can spend its sales tax. So what, again, the original amendment that was adopted on General File said, you still get the sales tax, but you have to spend it in this narrow area, and I'm just saying that my community, the community of Lincoln, they want the flexibility to be able to spend it as they see fit in their general fund. I think that makes sense. I don't understand how the arguments are connected, that they want additional money to build roads. They asked for these additional levies. I don't see a connection there at all. We're all about local control here. I don't know how many times I've heard that in my eight years, but it's a constant refrain, and we are taking away an element of local control from our communities if we say, okay, you can still have the sales tax, but you have to spend it this way. I don't think that's appropriate, and I ask for your adoption of this amendment. And I'd be happy to answer any questions if you had them. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion? Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Baker.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, just for your information, the city of Lincoln, for purposes of a hearing on another bill, prepared a little chart of where their public works street funding was coming from, and it came from federal funds and it came from state funds. But in the