

get tight, we tend to become very cognizant and aware of how we spend our money for state government operations. We have a very effective lobby by the University. We have a very effective lobby by the mental retardation people. Other state agencies, Game and Parks, has a very effective sort of lobbying situation for us. So we tend to see those cuts and pay attention to those cuts. On the other hand when it comes to the money we send back to local subdivisions, cities, counties and schools, we tend not to follow too well what we are doing in that area. I had my staff prepare a little state budget historical information which you should have on your desk. The first page gives just a little bit of information in raw dollars, budgetary sorts of dollars. What we are doing is comparing state operations, the University budget, and the University budget was included on this because it appears to be kind of the focal point of state government operations, then total state aid, total dollars in state aid to individuals and local subdivisions, and then finally the state aid to local subdivisions. The second page over here shows what we've done in terms of increases in these areas. If you notice, we have treated state government operations not all that shabbily according to this chart. Admittedly in '85-86 we didn't give much of an increase. We also gave a considerable cut to state aid to local subdivisions. If you notice back to 1980, since 1980-81, when we did a fairly substantial increase in state aid to education, that has stayed static or it has reduced while we have increased our state operations. I think that is an important sort of figure to look at. If you look at some of the charts back here you can see it visually. State General Fund has increased considerably since 1973. Aid to local subdivisions has maintained itself on a fairly constant level. Again, state operations versus aid to subdivisions, again, we see an increase where there has been a static or a minor decrease in aid to subdivisions. So those charts point that out. What does this mean to us? I think what it means to us is that we are, as we should be, very concerned about how we spend income tax and state sales tax money. But we are once again turning our back on the local property taxpayer. Property tax...the property taxpayer gets a lot of rhetoric during campaigns. I can remember our Governor giving a speech about a year ago to the tax research coalition where he said candidates get elected on promising property tax relief. They tend to get re-elected on what they do in terms of the income tax and the sales tax. I don't think we can continue to ignore the