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GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

General Revenue (GR) collections for November were \$19.9 M under estimates adopted at the November 12, 1999 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC). Sales Tax GR was only \$2.0 M under estimate for the month, or virtually right on target. Total collections from all subcomponents were less than half a percent below estimates. (Recall that distributions are made from total Sales Tax Collections to local governments, the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, and various sports facilities as well as to the General Revenue Fund.) Refunds were primarily responsible for the shortfall this month, coming in at \$43.9 M over estimate. Overages in this source decrease Net GR; Corporate Income Tax Refunds (a whopping \$50.9 M over estimate) was the culprit. This overage was due to a speed-up in refund payments resulting from law changes which appear to have changed the monthly pattern of refund payments. Penalties the State must pay to taxpayers if refunds are not processed within a specified period were increased, and the time allowed for processing refunds without penalty was reduced, effectively changing the historical monthly pattern of refund payments. This speed-up should not affect the total refund estimate adopted at the November REC.

Of the other sources under estimate for the month, only Service Charges and

Severance Taxes appear to deviate significantly from the estimate. Both of these sources are transfers to GR from trust funds, and are affected by timing decisions on when transfers are made. The source of the \$5.7 M underestimate error in Service Charges is in the "Other" category, which means that many small sources didn't make transfers on the same timetable as last year. Although Severance Taxes GR was under estimate by \$3.0 M for the month, total collections in this source are on target. Similarly, Intangibles Taxes GR was \$3.3 M under estimate, but total collections are running slightly over the new estimate.

Sources over estimate for the month include: Estate Tax, \$24.6 M over estimate even though the yearly estimate for this source was increased by \$70.1 M at the November REC; the Documentary Stamp Tax (\$5.5 M over), with total collections also above estimates for the year; and Insurance Premium Tax (\$2.3 M over for the month), although the estimate for this source was cut back \$14.3 M at the November REC.

Overall, Net GR collections for November were \$19.9 M under estimate for the month and \$19.1 M under estimate for the fiscal year to date. All estimates in the table below are based on the General Revenue Estimating Conference that met on November 12, 1999 to revise estimates for FYs 1999-00 and 2000-01.

October Lottery Transfers to DOE
 Month: \$62.7M or \$6.4 below the October 1999 estimate
 Year: \$264.0M or \$6.4 below the October 1999 estimate
 \$5.6 above the February 1999 estimate

General Revenue Collections
 Month: \$19.9 Million under the November 1999 estimate
 \$22.7 M under the March 1999 estimate adj for law changes
 Year: \$19.1 Million under the November 1999 estimate
 \$239.8 M under the March 1999 estimate adj for law changes

NOVEMBER GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS								
(\$ MILLIONS - BASED ON MARCH 1999 ESTIMATES ADJUSTED FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES)								
	<u>MONTH</u>			<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>				
	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH	OVER/ UNDER ESTIM	CURRENT YEAR ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	PERCENT INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,073.0	1,075.0	-2.0	5,359.6	5,360.7	-1.1	4,963.3	8.0%
BEVERAGE TAXES	43.5	44.2	-0.7	217.9	218.5	-0.7	220.1	-1.0%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	29.2	26.4	2.8	388.4	385.6	2.8	370.2	4.9%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	40.3	34.8	5.5	140.0	134.6	5.5	139.8	0.2%
TOBACCO TAX	10.1	9.8	0.3	42.9	42.6	0.3	47.9	-10.3%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	76.9	74.6	2.3	89.6	87.4	2.3	75.7	18.5%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	4.8	1.5	3.3	16.6	13.4	3.3	15.0	10.6%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	9.4	12.7	-3.3	91.1	94.4	-3.3	83.9	8.6%
ESTATE TAX	74.4	49.8	24.6	367.3	342.7	24.6	246.7	48.9%
INTEREST EARNINGS	20.4	19.8	0.6	92.4	91.8	0.6	110.8	-16.6%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	5.0	5.3	-0.3	24.8	25.0	-0.3	25.8	-4.0%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	7.6	5.7	1.9	41.3	39.3	1.9	38.1	8.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE CHARGES	2.8	2.8	0.0	13.5	13.4	0.0	13.9	-3.0%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.0	1.6	0.4	9.8	9.4	0.4	10.0	-2.0%
SEVERANCE TAXES	0.5	3.5	-3.0	9.3	12.4	-3.0	10.5	-11.4%
SERVICE CHARGES	31.6	37.2	-5.7	163.6	169.3	-5.7	166.9	-1.9%
CORPORATION TRUST FUND FEES	0.3	0.1	0.2	25.7	25.5	0.2	20.1	28.1%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES & FEES	8.0	11.0	-2.9	72.2	75.1	-2.9	76.5	-5.7%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,439.8	1,415.8	24.0	7,166.0	7,141.2	24.8	6,635.1	8.0%
LESS REFUNDS	68.9	25.0	43.9	173.5	129.6	43.9	101.8	70.36%
NET REVENUE	1,370.9	1,390.8	(19.9)	6,992.5	7,011.6	(19.1)	6,533.3	7.0%