



The Monthly Report

December 2011

Jake Corman, Chairman

General Fund Revenue Collections Dip in November

General Fund revenue collections for the month ended November 2011 totaled \$1.72 billion, which was \$63.3 million, or 3.5%, below estimate for the month. Fiscal year-to-date collections total \$9.4 billion, which is \$345.3 million, or 3.6%, below estimate for the year. Compared with 2010 revenue collections, November 2011 collections were 8% above last year. However, November 2011 had one more PIT withheld collection day in the month than November 2010 had (i.e. five payment dates in 2011 versus four payment dates in 2010). After adjusting for this difference, November 2011 collections were approximately 2.1% above last year.

Fiscal year-to-date 2011-12 total General Fund revenue collections are \$211.6 million, or 2.3% ahead of last year. General Fund tax revenue collections are \$391.4 million, or 4.4%, more than last year as of the end of November.

November's corporation tax collections were below estimate by \$24.2 million. November is typically one of the least important months of the fiscal year for corporation tax collections, and so it is difficult to read much into this month's poor performance in this tax category.

Personal income tax collections were above estimate by \$5.4 million. Employers' withholding was \$4.8 million short of estimate for the month. Estimated PIT payments were \$4.4 million over estimate for the month, and annual tax payments were \$5.8 million above estimate. After once again adjusting for the difference in the number of payment dates in the month, November 2011 employers' withholding collections were relatively flat compared with last year.

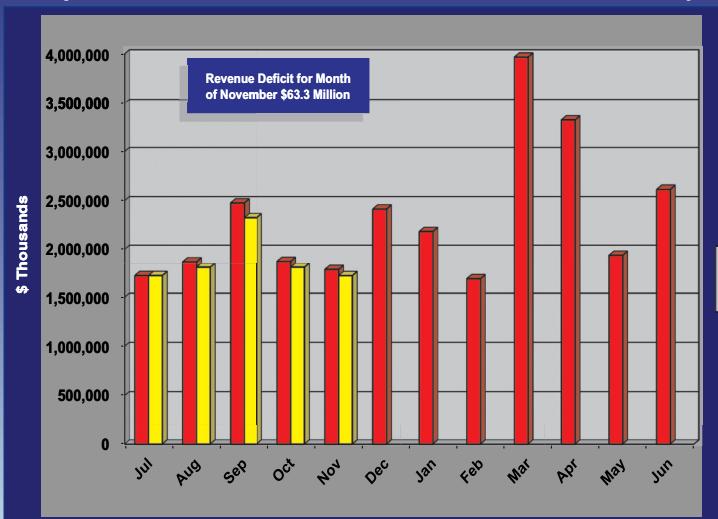
Sales and use tax collections were below estimate for the

month by \$10.3 million. Non-motor SUT was below estimate by \$12.6 million for the month, and SUT on motor vehicles was over estimate by \$2.3 million. Despite being below estimate, SUT collections were \$47.1 million, or 7.1%, ahead of last year for the same month.

The Realty Transfer Tax was below estimate by \$5.5 million, or 23%, for the month. The RTT collections reflect continuing weakness in the housing market. Inheritance tax

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**General Fund Tax Collections
Fiscal Year 2010-2011
Comparison of Official Estimate with Actual Revenue by Month**



Senate Appropriations Committee, Jake Corman, Chairman



collections were inexplicably below estimate by \$15.9 million, or 23.2%, for the month. Liquor and table games tax collections were slightly above estimate,

but cigarette tax collections were slightly below. Motor License Fund collections were \$10.6 million above estimate for the month of

November. The Motor License Fund is \$4.8 million above estimate for the year.

NCSL State Budget Update: Fall 2011

Recently, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) released its fall State Budget Update report that provides detailed information on budgets in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

This report is based on data collected from legislative fiscal officers in October and November 2011. It includes information on:

- New FY 2012 budget gaps
- FY 2012 revenue performance
- Revenue outlook for the remainder of FY 2012
- Spending overruns in FY 2012

To summarize, the report shows that while state fiscal conditions

are improving, they are doing so at a slow pace. Many state legislative fiscal officers continue to be concerned about global economic volatility, persistently high unemployment, long-term spending pressures, and congressional actions on federal deficit reduction.

Across the country, states report that revenue performance is improving, expenditures are stable, and few states report new budget gaps opening since the current fiscal year began. Halfway into the second quarter of FY 2012, new gaps in state budgets are practically non-existent.

However, recent global economic volatility is generating

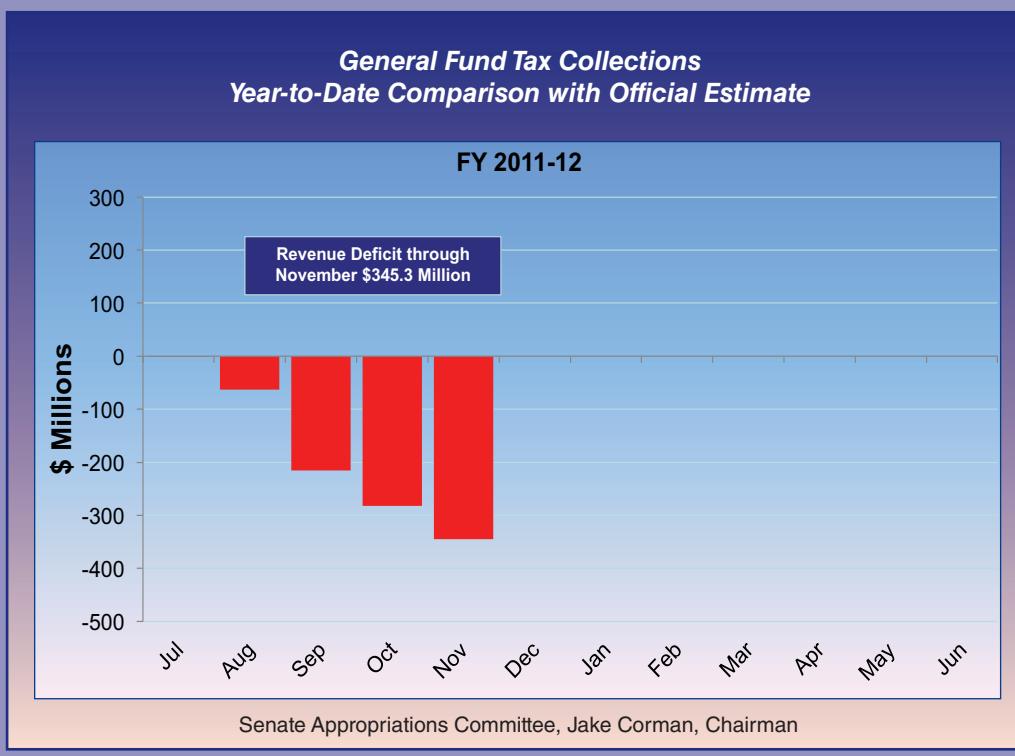
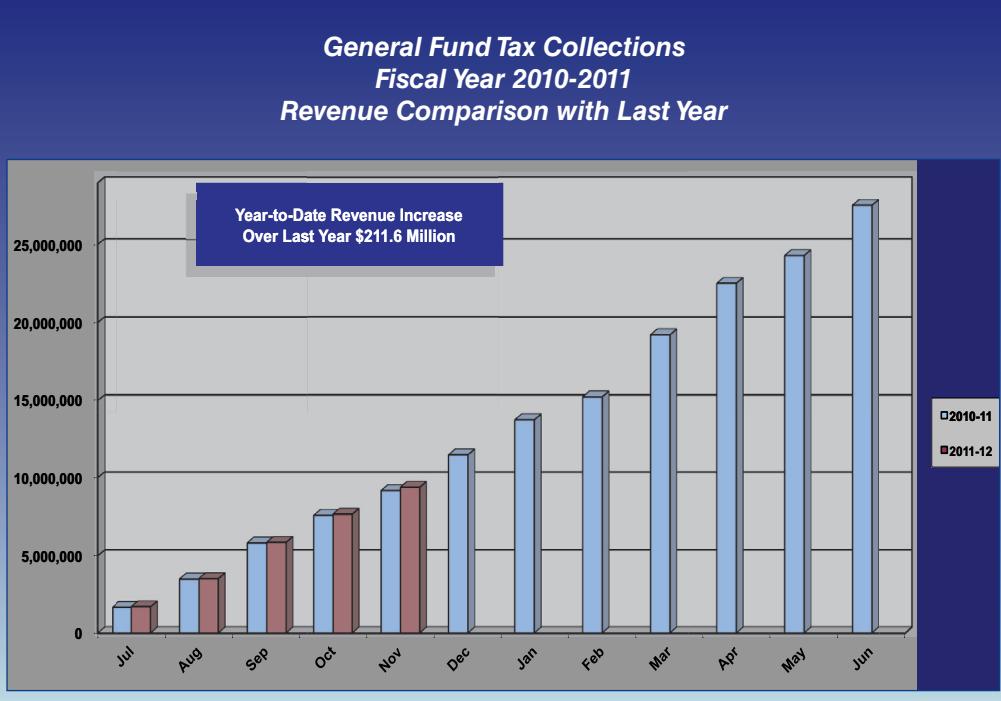
concern among state officials about the rate of revenue growth. In fact, several states reported that revenue projections, as they enter the second quarter, are not as optimistic as they were just a few months ago.

To download a copy of the full report, please visit:
www.ncsl.org

***Lawmakers have resolved an aggregate gap of more than \$500 billion over the last four consecutive years.**

***Even with a mildly positive report, virtually every state's tax collections still remain well below pre-recession levels.**

The Governor's Mid-Year Budget Briefing is rescheduled for December 20, 2011, in accordance with Section 619 of the Administrative Code. Please visit www.jakecorman.com for details as they are made available.





Appropriations Committee Monthly Revenue Report

REVENUE SOURCES	YTD FY 2010-11	November 2011 Actual	November 2011 Estimated	Surplus/ (Deficit)	YTD Actual	YTD Estimated	Surplus/ (Deficit)
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	9,163,138	1,719,437	1,782,700	(63,263)	9,374,704	9,720,036	(345,332)
TOTAL - NON-TAX REVENUE	277,037	6,431	18,500	(12,069)	97,252	102,436	(5,184)
TOTAL - TAX REVENUE	8,886,101	1,713,006	1,764,200	(51,194)	9,277,452	9,617,600	(340,148)
TOTAL - Corporation Taxes	769,062	39,437	63,600	(24,163)	750,684	917,700	(167,016)
Accelerated Deposits	1,678	1,849	0	1,849	2,058	0	2,058
Corp. Net Income	521,883	24,963	45,900	(20,937)	503,615	662,100	(158,485)
Cap. Stock & Franchise	209,756	7,477	14,800	(7,323)	190,896	220,400	(29,504)
Gross Receipts	18,366	3,065	1,900	1,165	36,145	22,500	13,645
PURTA	2,151	3	0	3	2,047	1,700	347
Insurance Premiums	4,378	104	200	(96)	1,605	1,700	(95)
Financial Institutions	9,520	1,877	700	1,177	12,836	7,100	5,736
Other Selective Bus. Taxes	1,329	99	100	(1)	1,483	2,200	(717)
TOTAL - Consumption Taxes	4,082,316	826,495	837,900	(11,405)	4,222,297	4,237,600	(15,303)
Sales and Use	3,493,172	708,256	718,600	(10,344)	3,628,578	3,647,500	(18,922)
General (net of transfers)	3,045,921	617,755	630,400	(12,645)	3,149,116	3,182,500	(33,384)
Motor Vehicle Sales	447,250	90,501	88,200	2,301	479,461	465,000	14,461
Cigarette Tax	465,679	91,864	93,900	(2,036)	463,808	461,100	2,708
Malt Beverage	11,766	1,915	2,100	(185)	11,427	11,800	(373)
Liquor	111,699	24,460	23,300	1,160	118,484	117,200	1,284
TOTAL - Other Taxes	4,034,724	847,074	862,700	(15,626)	4,304,470	4,462,300	(157,830)
Personal Income	3,574,263	769,181	763,800	5,381	3,821,124	3,950,300	(129,176)
Withholding	3,137,142	728,608	733,400	(4,792)	3,337,526	3,436,700	(99,174)
Non-Withholding	437,121	40,573	30,400	10,173	483,598	513,600	(30,002)
Realty Transfer	123,418	18,242	23,700	(5,458)	123,415	137,800	(14,385)
Inheritance & Estate	313,726	52,781	68,700	(15,919)	320,954	339,000	(18,046)
Minor & Repealed	1,540	57	100	(43)	1,027	500	527
Table Games	21,777	6,812	6,400	412	37,950	34,700	3,250
TOTAL - MOTOR LICENSE FUND	1,007,786	175,324	164,720	10,604	1,007,354	1,002,580	4,774
TOTAL - Liquid Fuels Taxes	528,340	105,721	101,550	4,171	532,760	528,190	4,570
Liquid Fuels	250,071	50,602	46,510	4,092	249,672	251,660	(1,988)
Fuels	66,219	13,464	14,130	(666)	67,124	64,980	2,144
Motor Carriers/IFTA	14,301	3,495	3,000	495	19,638	17,230	2,408
Alternative Fuels	102	9	10	(1)	124	110	14
Oil Company Franchise	197,647	38,150	37,900	250	196,202	194,210	1,992
TOTAL - Licenses, Fees & Other	479,446	69,603	63,170	6,433	474,593	474,390	203
Licenses and Fees	332,399	62,111	57,490	4,621	334,321	335,390	(1,069)
Other Motor Receipts	147,047	7,492	5,680	1,812	140,272	139,000	1,272