



Senate Appropriations Committee

The Monthly Report

December 2012

Jake Corman, Chairman

General Fund Revenue Collections Dip Below The Estimate For November

General Fund revenue collections for the month ended November 2012 totaled \$1.68 billion, which was \$23.1 million, or 1.4%, below estimate for the month. Fiscal year-to-date collections total \$9.8 billion, which is \$59.1 million, or 0.6%, above estimate for the year. Compared with 2011 revenue collections, November 2012 collections were \$40.3 million, or 2.3%, below last year. However, November 2011 (last year) had one additional Wednesday, which is a significant PIT withheld collection day (i.e. five Wednesday payment dates in 2011 versus four payment dates in 2012). If this difference was accounted for, November 2012 collections would have been approximately \$90 million more than they were, and about \$50 million, or 2.9%, above last year.

Fiscal year-to-date 2012-13 total General Fund revenue collections are \$411.8 million, or 4.4% ahead of last year. General Fund tax revenue collections are \$379.6 million, or 4.1%, more than last year as of the end of November. As of the end of November 2012, the revenue surplus stands at \$59.1 million. By the end of November 2011, the FY 2011-12 revenue deficit was \$345.3 million.

November's corporation tax collections were above estimate by \$6 million. November is typi-

cally one of the lowest months of the fiscal year with regard to corporation tax collection amounts.

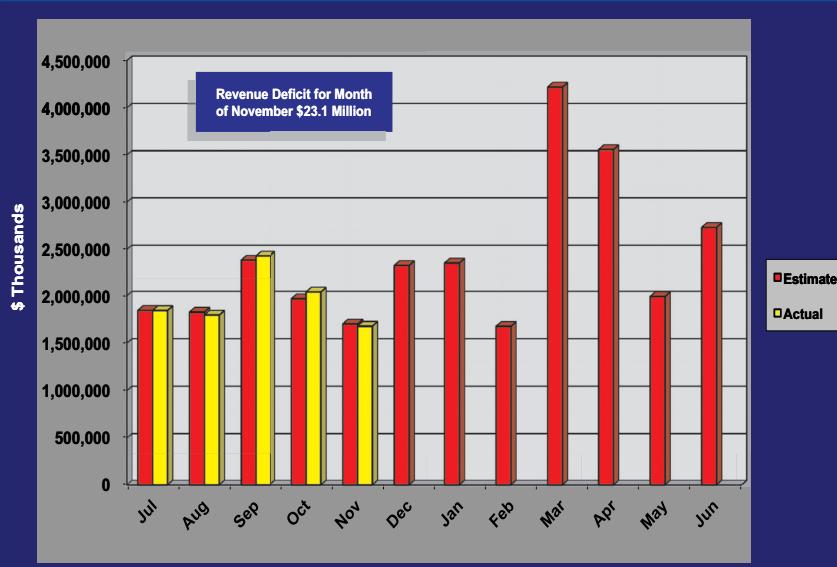
Sales and use tax collections were below estimate for the month by \$36.3 million. Non-motor SUT was below estimate by \$28.9 million for the month, and SUT on motor vehicles missed the estimate by \$7.4 million. Sales and use tax collection amounts this November were nearly identical to the SUT collections of last year for the same month. Most of the non-motor SUT money received in November is attributa-

ble to October sales.

Personal income tax collections were below estimate by \$20.7 million. Employers' withholding tax was \$8.6 million short of estimate for the month. Estimated PIT payments were \$3.9 million short of estimate for the month, and annual tax payments were \$8.2 million below estimate. After once again adjusting for the difference in the number of payment dates in the month, November 2012 employers' withholding collections would have grown by about 2%

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General Fund Tax Collections Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Comparison of Official Estimate with Actual Revenue by Month



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over last year.

The realty transfer tax beat the estimate by \$5.3 million, or 27.5%, for the month. RTT collections are 7.5% above estimate for the year, and they are 17.5% ahead of last year at this time. Inheritance

tax collections were above estimate by \$6.5 million for the month. Cigarette tax and liquor tax collections were \$4.1 million and \$3.6 million ahead of estimate, respectively, but table games tax collections were below

estimate by nearly \$1 million.

Motor License Fund collections were \$7.7 million above estimate for the month of November. The Motor License Fund is \$10.5 million above estimate for the year.

Independent Fiscal Office Releases Long-Term Economic and Budget Outlook

The Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) released a long-term economic and budget outlook report for Pennsylvania, titled **The Economic & Budget Outlook: Fiscal Years 2012-13 to 2017-18**. Taking into consideration the demographic, economic, revenue and expenditure trends that may affect the Commonwealth's fiscal position over the next five years, it shows that the Commonwealth will see a

growing imbalance between revenue and expenses.

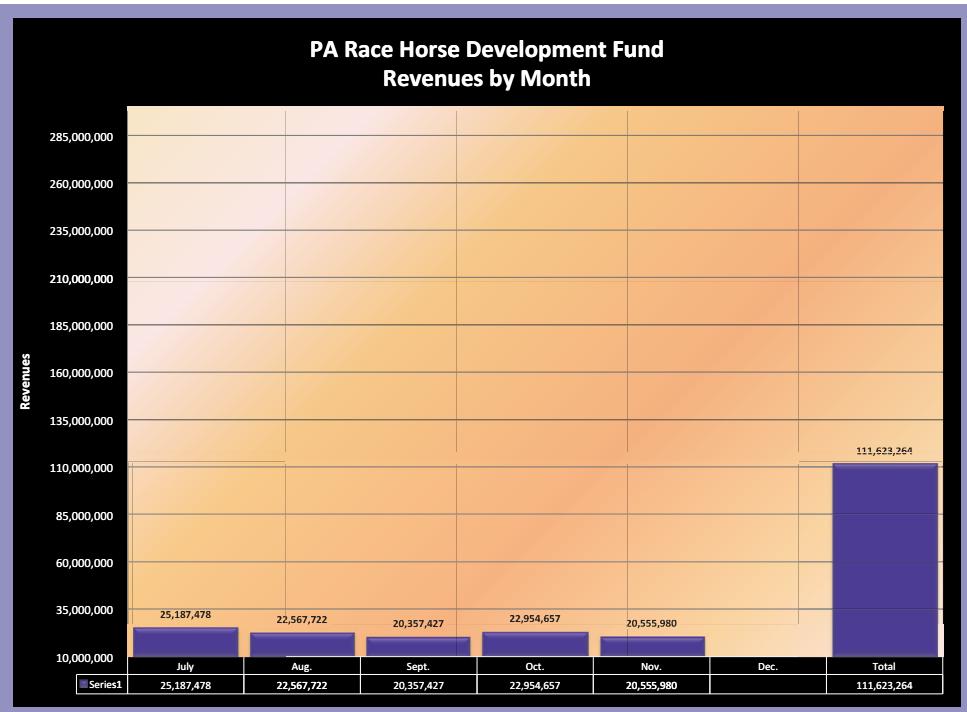
The report theorizes that rising expenditures will be driven by pension and health care costs due to an aging population with revenue in the next fiscal year projected to grow by only 0.8 percent. In the current fiscal year, the certified revenue estimate projected growth of more than three percent.

The IFO cautioned, however,

that its revenue projection is not a point estimate and should be considered as part of a long-range forecast based on reasonable economic assumptions and demographic trends. The forecast projects annual revenue growth of 2.6% for the period ending in FY 2017-18.

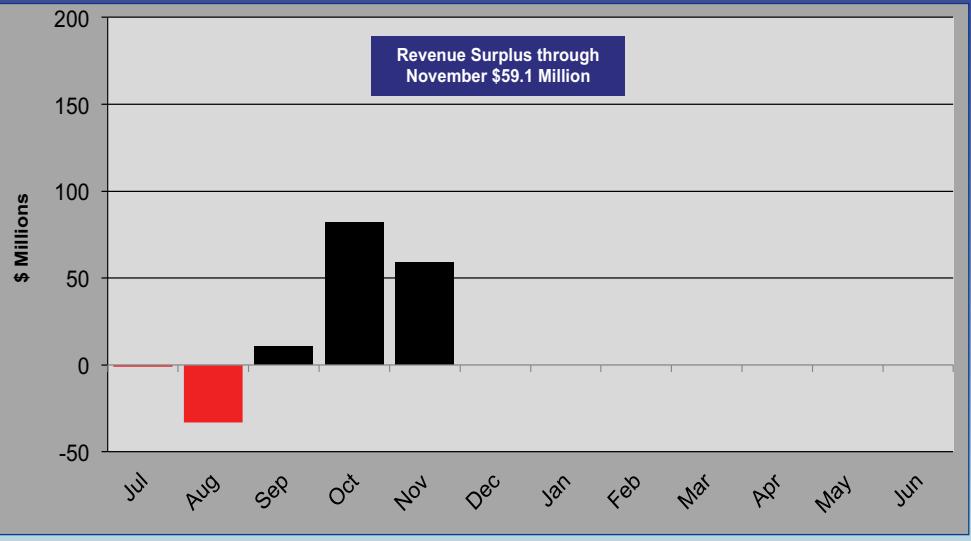
The full report is available on the office website:
www.ifo.state.pa.us

The Governor's Mid-Year Budget Briefing was held on December 4, 2012. Please visit www.jakecorman.com for a copy of the full presentation.



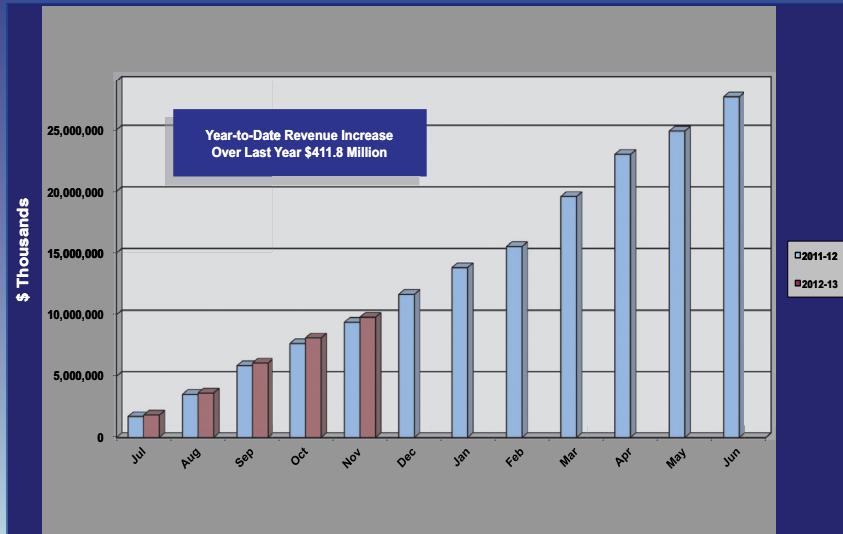


**General Fund Tax Collections
Year-to-Date Revenue Comparison
with Official Estimate**

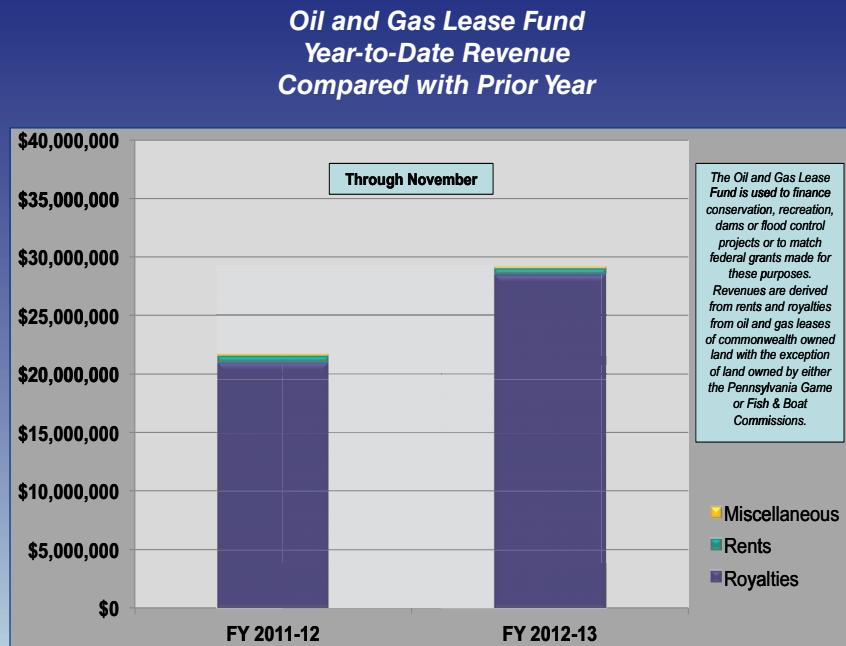


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**General Fund Revenue Collections
Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Revenue Comparison with Last Year**

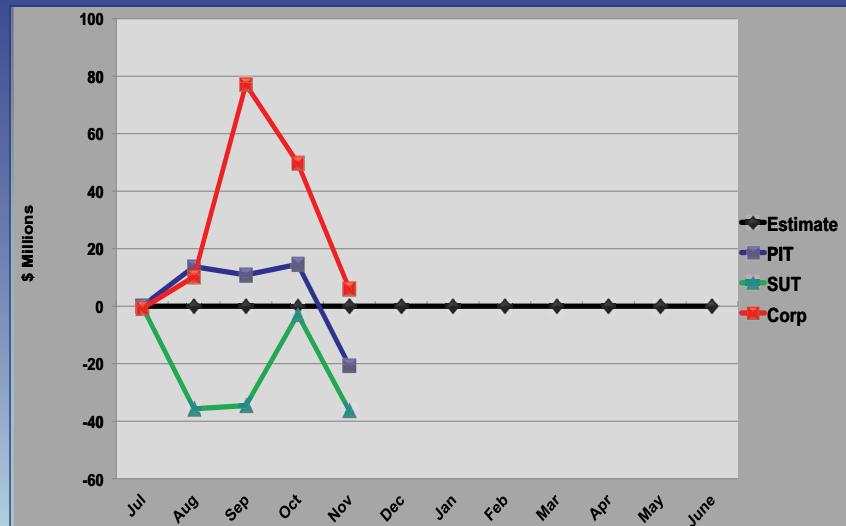


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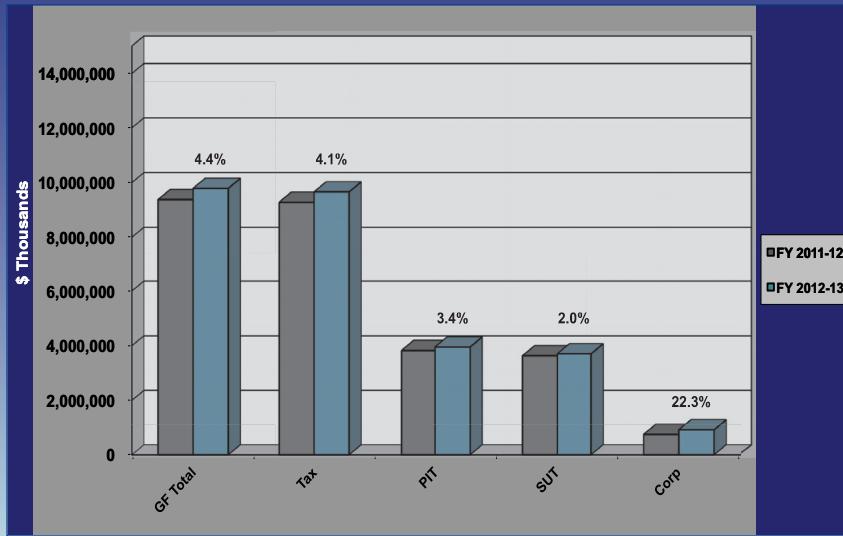
**Fiscal Year 2012-13
Performance of Major Tax Types
Above/Below the Monthly Estimate**



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**General Fund Revenue Collections
Fiscal Year 2012-2013
Comparison of Actual Collections with Prior Year**



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REVENUE SOURCES	YTD FY 2011-12	November 2012	November 2012	Surplus/ (Deficit)	YTD Actual	YTD Estimated	Surplus/ (Deficit)
		Actual	Estimated				
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	9,374,704	1,679,150	1,702,300	(23,150)	9,786,480	9,727,400	59,080
TOTAL - NON-TAX REVENUE	97,252	20,882	9,300	11,582	129,384	100,000	29,384
TOTAL - TAX REVENUE	9,277,452	1,658,268	1,693,000	(34,732)	9,657,096	9,627,400	29,696
TOTAL - Corporation Taxes	750,684	48,819	42,800	6,019	918,401	776,300	142,101
Accelerated Deposits	2,058	774	0	774	1,569	0	1,569
Corp. Net Income	503,615	34,905	31,500	3,405	666,984	557,700	109,284
Cap. Stock & Franchise	190,896	9,239	7,500	1,739	190,218	154,700	35,518
Gross Receipts	36,145	2,110	2,800	(690)	43,645	53,700	(10,055)
PURTA	2,047	9	0	9	3,361	2,000	1,361
Insurance Premiums	1,605	220	100	120	2,469	2,200	269
Financial Institutions	12,836	1,451	800	651	7,974	4,500	3,474
Other Selective Bus. Taxes	1,483	110	100	10	2,181	1,500	681
TOTAL - Consumption Taxes	4,222,297	836,287	864,800	(28,513)	4,284,945	4,403,800	(118,855)
Sales and Use	3,628,578	709,360	745,700	(36,340)	3,700,682	3,810,200	(109,518)
General (net of transfers)	3,149,116	617,315	646,200	(28,885)	3,210,282	3,277,700	(67,418)
Motor Vehicle Sales	479,461	92,045	99,500	(7,455)	490,401	532,500	(42,099)
Cigarette Tax	463,808	96,094	92,000	4,094	447,500	459,800	(12,300)
Malt Beverage	11,427	2,181	2,000	181	11,282	11,500	(218)
Liquor	118,484	28,652	25,100	3,552	125,480	122,300	3,180
TOTAL - Other Taxes	4,304,470	773,162	785,400	(12,238)	4,453,751	4,447,300	6,451
Personal Income	3,821,124	679,733	700,400	(20,667)	3,951,561	3,933,300	18,261
Withholding	3,337,341	652,839	661,400	(8,561)	3,423,421	3,423,200	221
Non-Withholding	483,782	26,894	39,000	(12,106)	528,140	510,100	18,040
Realty Transfer	123,415	24,605	19,300	5,305	145,012	134,900	10,112
Inheritance & Estate	320,954	63,394	56,900	6,494	320,357	339,100	(18,743)
Minor & Repealed	1,027	(2,284)	100	(2,384)	265	700	(435)
Table Games	37,950	7,714	8,700	(986)	36,557	39,300	(2,743)
TOTAL - MOTOR LICENSE FUND	1,007,354	178,216	170,510	7,706	1,007,118	996,620	10,498
TOTAL - Liquid Fuels Taxes	532,760	110,384	104,770	5,614	520,870	523,510	(2,640)
Liquid Fuels	249,672	57,678	47,620	10,058	242,953	244,040	(1,087)
Fuels	67,124	12,041	14,720	(2,679)	64,887	68,290	(3,403)
Motor Carriers/IFTA	19,638	4,733	3,460	1,273	19,576	15,490	4,086
Alternative Fuels	124	57	10	47	604	360	244
Oil Company Franchise	196,202	35,875	38,960	(3,085)	192,850	195,330	(2,480)
TOTAL - Licenses, Fees & Other	474,593	67,833	65,740	2,093	486,248	473,110	13,138
Licenses and Fees	334,321	61,275	57,690	3,585	343,768	333,560	10,208
Other Motor Receipts	140,272	6,558	8,050	(1,492)	142,479	139,550	2,929