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## MARCH REVENUES

NASHVILLE - An increase in franchise and excise tax collections helped put state revenues above the budgeted estimate for March. Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz reported today that overall March revenues were \$33.5 million more than the state budgeted.

“We normally see larger-than-usual franchise and excise tax collections in March, with 25 percent of F&E typically coming in during April of each year,” Goetz said. “The state’s conservative budget estimates serve to keep spending in check and help us avoid end-of-year red ink.”

On an accrual basis, March is the eighth month in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Department of Revenue collections were \$764.6 million.

The general fund was \$35.6 million overcollected and the four other funds undercollected by \$2.1 million.

Sales tax collections were \$11.3 million more than the estimate for March. For eight months revenues were overcollected by \$61.4 million.

Franchise and excise taxes were \$20.8 million more than the estimate of \$102.1 million. For eight months revenues were \$8.2 million overcollected.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections increased by 3.63% and were \$1.4 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$57.9 million. For eight months, collections were \$5.7 million more than the estimate.

Year-to-date collections for eight months were \$108.8 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was overcollected by \$103.1 million and the four other funds were overcollected by \$5.7 million.

The revised estimates presented in the new budget document assume an \$86 million surplus in sales tax collections, a surplus of \$61.6 million in franchise and excise taxes, and a general fund surplus of \$177.4 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates are based upon the State Funding Board’s consensus recommendation adopted by the first session of the 104th General Assembly in May of last year.

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