REC December 07, 2001 Meeting

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met this morning to review the FY2002 estimate of General Fund revenues, lottery and other transfers, refunds, and gambling revenues transferred to other funds, and to review the for FY2003 of General Fund revenues, lottery and other transfers, refunds, and gambling revenues transferred to other funds. Also for the first time, in accordance with legislation passed during the special session in November, the REC estimated accruals.

FY2002

For FY 2002, after taking into account economic changes since October 2001 and revenues received to date, the REC decreased the General Fund tax and other receipts estimate from $5,212.9 million to $5,192.4 million, a reduction of $20.5 million. The REC reduced the lottery and other transfers from $51.1 million to $50.3 million, an decrease of $0.8 million. The refund estimate was increased from $574.9 million to $577.0 million. The REC also increased the net accrual number from a baseline of $5.0 million to $7.0 million. Total decrease in General Fund revenues between October REC and December REC for FY2002 is $21.7 million. The increase in revenues from FY2001 actual to FY2002 estimate is $25.7 million. Gambling revenues transferred to other funds was left unchanged at $141.3 million.

FY 2003

For FY 2003, after taking into account economic changes since October 2001, the REC decreased the General Fund tax and other receipts estimate from $5,314.3 million to $5,302.2 million, a reduction of $12.1 million. The REC left the lottery and other transfers the same at $38.7 million. The refund estimate was decreased from $608.4 million to $604.3 million. The REC also established the net accrual number from at $8.0 million. Total decrease in General Fund revenues between October REC and December REC for FY2003 is $8.0 million. The increase in revenues from FY2002 estimate to FY2003 estimate is $71.9 million. Gambling revenues transferred to other funds was left unchanged at $147.6 million.