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MEMORANDUM

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Monthly General Fund Receipts through December 31, 2007

The attached spreadsheet presents year-to-date FY 2008 General Fund receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2007. The figures can be compared to the FY 2008 estimate of \$6.563 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on December 11, 2007. The FY 2008 estimate is an increase of \$424.6 million (6.9%) compared to actual FY 2007 gross cash receipts (excludes refunds, transfers, and accrued revenue adjustments). The date of the next REC meeting has not been set.

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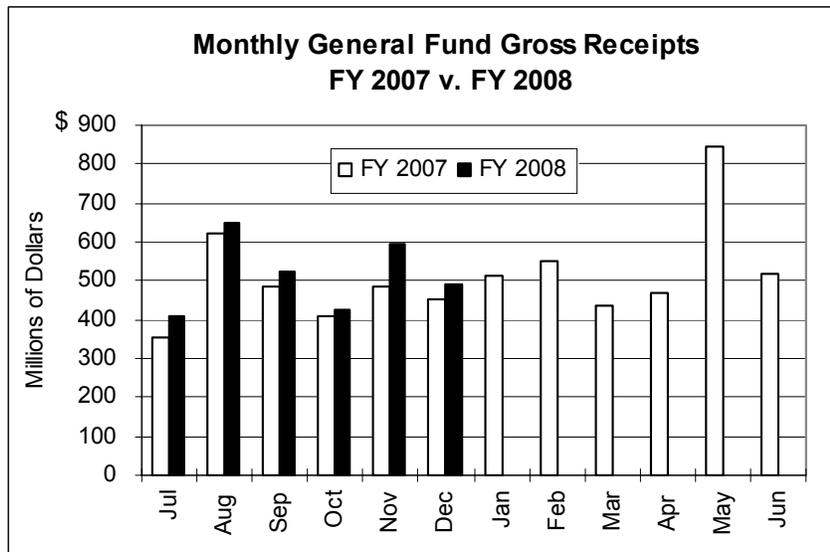
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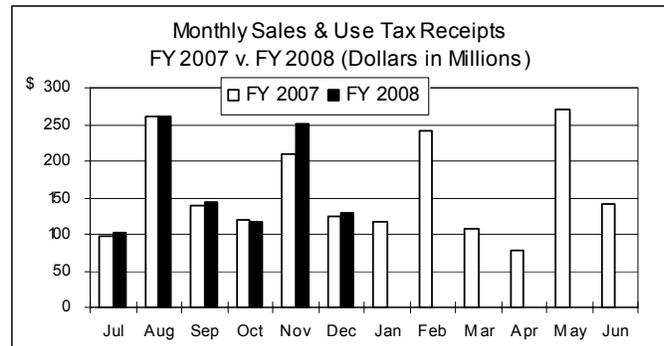
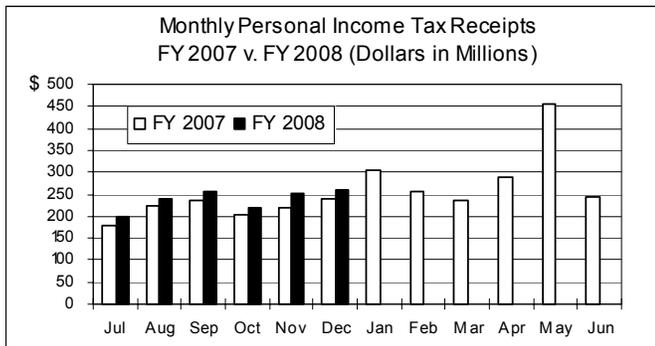
FY 2008 Compared to FY 2007

Fiscal year to date total gross cash receipts increased \$287.9 million (10.3%) compared to FY 2007. Major revenue sources contributing to the change include:

- Personal income tax (positive \$121.4 million, 9.3%)
- Sales/use tax (positive \$50.7 million, 5.3%)
- Corporate tax (positive \$19.0 million, 9.9%)
- Other taxes (positive \$72.8 million, 43.5%)
- Other receipts (positive \$24.0 million, 13.0%)

Personal Income Tax revenues received in December totaled \$259.8 million, an increase of \$19.7 million (8.2%) compared to December 2006.

The FY 2008 REC Income Tax estimate of \$3.293 billion represents a projected increase of 6.7% compared to actual FY 2007. Year-to-date, total Income Tax receipts increased 9.3%. By subcategory, withholding payments increased \$78.3 million (6.9%), estimate payments increased \$27.8 million (20.4%), and payments with returns increased \$15.6 million (51.7%). The following chart compares FY 2008 monthly Income Tax receipts from the three Personal Income Tax subcategories with FY 2007.



Sales/Use Tax receipts received in December totaled \$129.9 million, an increase of \$5.2 million (4.2%) compared to December 2006.

The REC estimate for FY 2008 Sales/Use Tax receipts is \$1.963 billion, an increase of 2.8% compared to actual FY 2007. Through December, FY 2008 Sales/Use Tax receipts have increased 5.3%. The preceding chart compares FY 2008 monthly Sales/Use Tax receipts with FY 2007.

Corporate Tax receipts received in December totaled \$42.4 million, a \$4.5 million decrease (- 9.6%) compared to December 2006.

The REC estimate for FY 2008 Corporate Tax revenue is \$447.0 million, an increase of 5.3% compared to actual FY 2007. Through December, FY 2008 Corporate Tax receipts have increased 9.9%.

Other tax receipts received in December totaled \$29.1 million, an \$11.3 million increase compared to December 2006. Cigarette and Tobacco taxes continue to contribute significantly to the increase due to mid-March 2007 Cigarette and Tobacco Tax rate changes. The REC estimate for other tax receipts is \$499.8 million, an increase of 37.3% compared to actual FY 2007. Through December, FY 2008 other tax receipts have increased 43.5%.

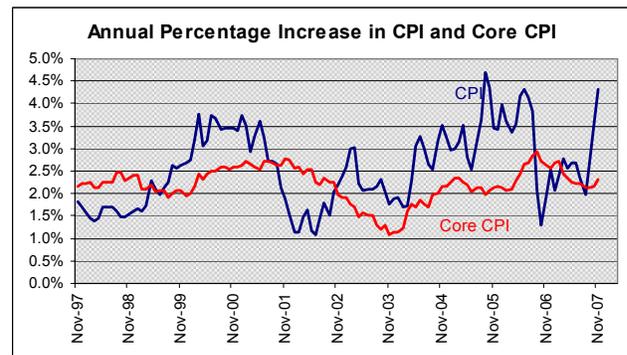
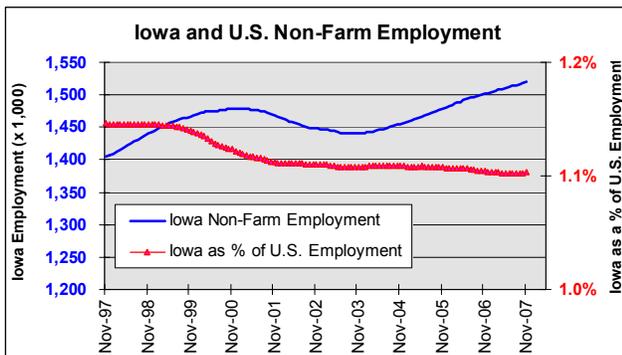
Other receipts (non-tax receipts) received in December totaled \$27.5 million, a \$5.9 million (27.3%) increase compared to December 2006. Liquor profits and Judicial Revenues accounted for much of the growth for the month.

The REC estimate for FY 2008 other receipt revenue is \$359.6 million, an increase of 1.7% compared to actual FY 2007. Through December, other receipts increased 13.0%.

Status of the Economy

Iowa non-farm employment was reported at 1,548,000 for the month of November (not seasonally adjusted), 23,600 higher (1.5%) than November 2006.

Iowa's 12-month moving average employment is presented in a graph below. The average non-farm employment pre-recession peak was January 2001 (1,478,700), and the recession low was September 2003 (1,439,900). The current average reading is now 1,520,800, so annualized Iowa non-farm employment is 42,100 above its 2001 peak and 80,900 above the 2003 low. The chart below also presents Iowa non-farm employment as a percent of U.S. non-farm employment. Iowa's share of national non-farm employment decreased noticeably from 1998 through 2002. The decline has slowed considerably since early 2002 and despite the past four months showing modest increases, the trend remains negative.



Consumer prices increased 0.6% during November (not seasonally adjusted), marking the eleventh increase in the last twelve months. The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) through November 2007 was 210.2 (1983/84=100). The year-over-year change of 4.3% in November was the highest since June 2006. The overall inflation rate has generally increased since mid-2004, when the price of oil started to rise significantly.

Core CPI, an inflation measure that excludes food and energy prices, increased 0.1% for November and the year-over-year change was 2.3%. The core inflation rate declined considerably from the early 1990's through March 2004. From March 2004 through September 2006, inflation as measured by core CPI more than doubled, peaking at 2.9%. For the two components excluded from the core rate, energy prices are up 21.4% year-over-year and food prices increased 4.7%. For food prices, this marks the fastest rate of annual inflation since 1991.

Information related to State General Fund receipts is available on the Fiscal Services Division's web site at: <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/receipts/daily.html>.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS - FY 2007 vs. FY 2008 July 1 through December 31 (in millions of dollars) Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages Calculated on Rounded Numbers					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS (in millions of dollars) FY 07 Actual Compared to FY 08 REC Estimate		
	FY 2007	FY 2008	Year to Date % Change	December % Change	Actual FY 2007	Estimate FY 2008	Projected % Change
Personal Income Tax	\$ 1,306.8	\$ 1,428.2	9.3%	8.2%	\$ 3,085.9	\$ 3,293.0	6.7%
Sales/Use Tax	953.4	1,004.1	5.3%	4.2%	1,910.1	1,963.4	2.8%
Corporate Income Tax	191.7	210.7	9.9%	-9.6%	424.6	447.0	5.3%
Inheritance Tax	36.4	36.9	1.4%	0.0%	76.0	83.6	10.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	60.5	52.8	-12.7%	50.0%	105.2	118.1	12.3%
Cigarette Tax	44.3	115.6	160.9%	125.7%	122.0	233.2	91.1%
Tobacco Tax	4.3	10.5	144.2%	1300.0%	12.1	19.1	57.9%
Beer Tax	7.6	7.7	1.3%	0.0%	14.3	14.6	2.1%
Franchise Tax	13.8	16.1	16.7%	27.5%	33.3	30.2	-9.3%
Miscellaneous Tax	0.3	0.4	33.3%	0.0%	1.0	1.0	0.0%
Total Special Taxes	\$ 2,619.1	\$ 2,882.9	10.1%	7.3%	\$ 5,784.5	\$ 6,203.2	7.2%
Institutional Payments	5.9	7.2	22.0%	50.0%	12.9	12.9	0.0%
Liquor Profits	27.3	33.4	22.3%	29.3%	64.8	67.8	4.6%
Interest	15.0	15.6	4.0%	3.8%	28.7	20.0	-30.3%
Fees	35.2	34.7	-1.4%	-3.5%	84.7	73.2	-13.6%
Judicial Revenue	28.5	41.9	47.0%	60.8%	66.9	89.5	33.8%
Miscellaneous Receipts	13.0	16.1	23.8%	50.0%	35.7	36.2	1.4%
Racing and Gaming Receipts	60.0	60.0	0.0%	0.0%	60.0	60.0	0.0%
TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 2,804.0	\$ 3,091.9	10.3%	8.3%	\$ 6,138.2	\$ 6,562.8	6.9%