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**COUNCIL APPROVES SECOND PACKAGE OF REVENUE BILLS, MOVES A
STEP CLOSER TO COMPLETELY FIXING CITY'S BUDGET SHORTFALL**
*Thursday's vote saves hundreds of jobs, eliminates rec center cuts and restores tens of
millions of dollars in additional cuts in jobs and services.*

BALTIMORE, MD – The City Council's Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee on Thursday moved a second package of revenue-generating bills that collectively will fully restore cuts to city jobs and services outlined in the Mayor's fiscal year 2011 preliminary budget.

Thursday's revenue package included **\$21.65** million in new revenue-generating measures that will be added to a package of **\$23.4** million in new revenue the Council initially passed on Monday. Combined, the two packages surpass the \$41.5 million in new revenue the Mayor asked the Council to pass in order to restore cuts made to vital city services, like police, fire, the recreation department, infrastructure improvements and bulk trash removal.

"None of the options available for fixing the city's budget crisis have been easy," City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young said. "This Council has tried to balance the city's budget without placing undue burdens on our citizens, workers or business leaders. These choices have been tough, but are necessary in order to help the city emerge stronger and better-positioned for the future."

The full Council will vote on the various revenue measures during its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 14.

CITY COUNCIL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE NO. 1

Bill 10-0468 - Local Income Tax - \$5.9M *(3rd Reader)

Bill 10-0469 - Property Tax - Discount for Early Payment - \$2.5M *(3rd Reader)

Bill 10-0471 - Parking Tax Rate - \$5.08M *(3rd Reader)

Bill 10-0473 - Telecommunications Tax-Rate - \$3.74M *(3rd Reader)

Bill 10-0516 - Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings and Vacant Structures - \$1M *(3rd Reader)

Bill 10-0489 - Miscellaneous Offenses - Citation and Penalty Amounts - \$173K *(Awaiting Mayor's signature)

Bill 09-0290 Simulated slots \$1.9 *(Awaiting Mayor's signature)

TOTAL
\$20.29 Million

Wednesday 6/9/10

Parking Meter Rates - \$3.1M *(Board of Estimates passed on Wednesday)

TOTAL
\$23.39 Million

CITY COUNCIL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PACKAGE NO. 2

(Approved Thursday by committee)

Bill 10-0467 - Hotel Room Tax Rate - \$3.92M (2nd Reader)

Bill 10-0470 - Energy Tax-Rates - \$8.16M (2nd Reader)

Bill 10-0472 - Parking Violations-Fines - \$3.17M (2nd Reader)

Bill 10-0503 - Outdoor Advertising Excise Tax - \$1M (2nd Reader)

Bill 10-0475 - Bed Capacity - \$5.4M (**PILOT jointly negotiated by City Council and Mayor Rawlings-Blake**)

TOTAL
\$21.65 Million

COMBINED TOTAL OF BOTH PACKAGES

\$45.04 Million *(More than enough to fully restore cuts to vital services, like rec centers, police and fire, bulk trash, and a host of other critical city services.)*

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