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Statement from Governor Ronnie Musgrove regarding February tax collections:

“We are pleased the February tax collections came in nearly \$3 million above the estimates. It is my sincere hope this is the beginning of a long, continuous, upward turn in the economy. However, we must produce our budget with real numbers to ensure the current situation never happens again.”

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