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State Treasury Reports \$17 Million in Investment Receipts for 2nd Quarter

Treasury's annual obligations nearly fulfilled in six months

Little Rock, AR – Arkansas investment receipts for the second quarter of fiscal year 2018, which ran from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2017, totaled \$17.08 million, Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan told the State Board of Finance today.

The State Treasury receipted \$35.67 million during the first half of FY 2018, compared to \$21.67 million at this point a year ago – or an increase of roughly 39 percent. In comparison, Treasury receipts for all of fiscal 2010 totaled \$36 million.

“In just six months, we have fulfilled the majority of our annual obligations to the state, which will hopefully allow any additional funds we accrue through the remaining fiscal year to go toward building up the state’s Long-Term Reserve Fund,” Milligan told the board.

The Treasury is responsible for an annual \$5 million obligation to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund and \$20 million to the Highway Fund. Milligan’s office has been able to fulfill all but \$1 million of those annual responsibilities to the State in the first half of fiscal 2018.

“This is great news in today’s economic climate,” Milligan said, pointing to a decline in five-year treasury rates and the value of the dollar, which can cause interest rate hikes as well as inflation.

“In response to these conditions, we continue to position our portfolio more towards the short-term. This allows us to not only see increased income as federal interest rates rise, but also allows us to protect our invested principal while waiting for more attractive long-term opportunities to present themselves.”

To watch a more detailed explanation of the State of the Treasury, visit:

<https://youtu.be/9U25sQHQS8>.

The State Treasury consists of about \$3 billion in bonds and commercial paper, \$500 million in demand accounts and about \$155,000 in money market accounts.

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Dennis Milligan was elected Treasurer of State in 2014. The State Treasury is responsible for overseeing the state's \$3.5 billion portfolio. Since taking office in 2015, Milligan has receipted the state more than \$153 million in investment returns and has grown the investment portfolio's receipts to some of the highest levels in nearly a decade.