

Blue Ribbon Tax Reform Commission

Equity Committee PROPOSED Work Plan

June 12, 2003

The basic charge of this Committee is to ensure that the tax system treat taxpayers fairly. Part of its review will be to determine whether fairness dictates that some persons who are now taxpayers be excused from paying tax while others who do not pay tax, or pay significantly lower amounts than others similarly situated, should pay or pay more. Although the efforts of the Committee may concentrate on the gross receipts and associated taxes, all taxes are within its purview.

To measure fairness, a benchmark is required. For each tax, then, answers to the following questions will be sought:

1. What is the proper tax base?
2. Does the tax treat similarly-situated taxpayers similarly in all major respects?

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>
June 12	Gross Receipts tax What should the base be? Should any products/taxpayers be taxed separately and, if so, which ones?
June 30	Gross Receipts tax Treatment of certain industries: Nonprofits (vs. for-profits) Transportation Research & development Medical/health care Manufactured housing Others
July 28	Compensating tax What should the base be? Collection mechanism for individuals Local Option Gross Receipts taxes: simplify or consolidate
August 11	“Small” state gross receipts taxes Governmental GRT Leased Vehicle GRT & surcharge Interstate Telecommunications GRT Athletic contest privilege tax Streamlined sales tax

	Bill to join multi-state effort Directions on how to conform NM's taxes Immediate changes toward conformity
August 25	Income and other taxes and fees