



(After Commissioner Smith outlines the details)

- I'm very proud of Commissioner Smith and the entire revenue department for their work in making sure that taxpayers get their rebate.
- In fact, there's a group of about 20 people who I'm told really worked hard to make sure that checks will go out TODAY to more than 19,000 Minnesotans. (That group is right over here to my right. Thank you.)
- A lot of people mistakenly think the Revenue department and the state spend all day looking for ways to confiscate your money. Here's a case of the Department going the extra mile to get the taxpayer's money BACK into their pockets— it's their money, and it's money the taxpayers didn't even know they had coming.
- Another great thing about this whole plan is that it prepares people for my sales tax rebate. That rebate is for everyone, but there is that group of taxpayers who wouldn't have been on file to get it, because they didn't file for the '97 rebate. This mailing is a big step toward taking care of them, so we can work on trying to get everyone covered.
- So really, the department is doing double duty in getting people their money. They identified and mailed checks to people who forgot to claim the rebate, and by doing that, got them ready to receive my sales tax rebate later this year.