

STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS

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By recent amendment to Section 11 (k) of the Federal Reserve Act, the fiduciary powers that may be exercised by national banks with the permission of the Federal Reserve Board have been materially broadened, and this Section, as amended, will enable national banks to exercise fiduciary powers under conditions substantially similar to the conditions under which such powers are exercised by competing state banks and trust companies. As a result of this amendment a number of national banks which have not heretofore been granted permission to exercise fiduciary powers have filed applications in accordance with the statute, and are arranging to open trust departments. In order that applications filed up to and including November fifteenth may receive consideration at the same time, the Federal Reserve Board has fixed its first meeting in December as the date on which these applications will be acted upon. All such applications must, as heretofore, be transmitted through the Federal Reserve Agent of the district in which the applying bank is located, and unless received by the Board by November fifteenth, they will probably not be acted upon until some meeting subsequent to the first meeting in December.

The form of application prescribed by the Board may be obtained either from the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal Reserve Agent. New regulations made necessary by the recent amendments to the Act will be issued in the near future.