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Financial markets may already have responded in anticipation of changes that could be brought about by renewed legislative tax reform efforts. The major tax reform proposals incorporate a substantial reduction in marginal tax rates, which will reduce the taxes paid on interest income from corporate bonds and hence lessen the advantage of municipal over corporate bonds. The recent rise in the ratio of municipal to corporate interest rates may partly reflect these developments.

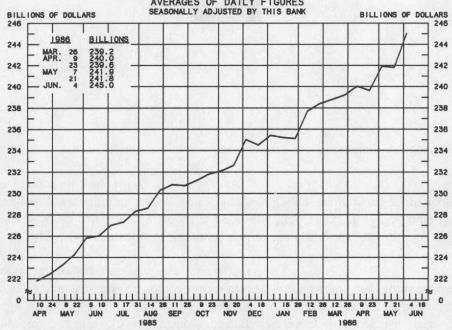
Because interest income on corporate bonds is taxable while interest income on municipal bonds generally is not, arbitrage pricing theory predicts that the after-tax rates of return on municipal and corporate bonds of similar risk, maturity and callability should be equal. Consequently, the ratio of the municipal to the corporate interest rate on comparable securities should equal one minus the expected future tax rate of the marginal investor.

In May 1986, the ratio of the municipal to the corporate Aaa interest rate was .829, up substantially from the February 1986 value of .769. Thus, the implied expected future tax rate fell from about 23 percent in February to about 17 percent in May 1986.

-Richard G. Sheehan





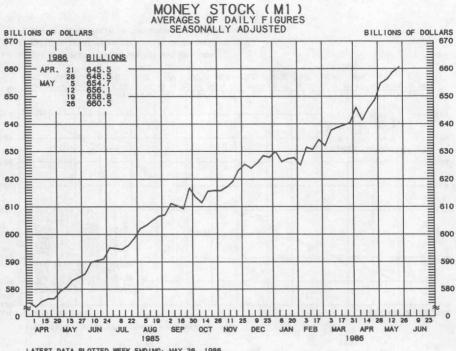


LATEST PLOTTED RESERVE MAINTENANCE PERIOD ENDING: JUNE 4, 1986

THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS THE SUM OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION (CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND IN THE VAULTS OF ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS) AND AN ADJUSTMENT FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT RATIO CHANGES. THE MAJOR SOURCE OF THE ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE IS FEDERAL RESERVE CREDIT. DATA ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK.

RECENT DATA ARE PRELIMINARY.

			ADJUSTE	D MONETAR	RY BASE			
		COMPO	UNDED AN	NUAL RATE	ES OF CH	ANGE.		
		VERAGE OF	F TWO MA	INTENANCE	PERIOD	S ENDING	31	
	6/5/85	9/11/85	11/6/85	12/4/85	1/1/86	1/29/86	3/12/86	4/9/86
TO THE AVERAGE OF								
11/ 6/85 12/ 4/85 1/ 1/86	7.5 8.0 7.8	6.2	8.7					
1/29/86 3/12/86 4/ 9/86 5/ 7/86	7.0 7.9 7.7 7.6	5.3 7.1 6.9 6.8	6.1 8.4 7.9 7.7	4.0 7.8 7.3 7.2	8.2 7.5 7.3	10.1	6.1	
6/ 4/86	8.2	7.7	8.7	8.4	8.7	10.4	9.0	10.8



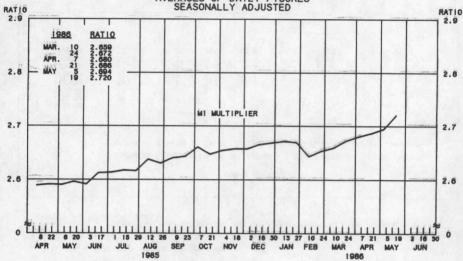
LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 28, 1986

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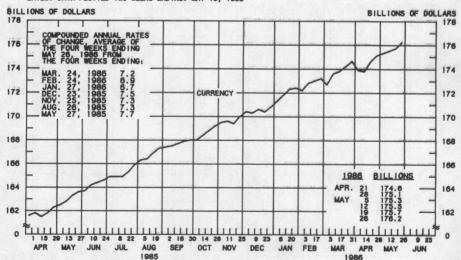
MI IS THE SUM OF CURRENCY HELD BY THE NONBANK PUBLIC, DEMAND DEPOSITS, OTHER CHECKABLE
DEPOSITS AND TRAVELERS CHECKS.

	MONEY STOCK (M1)									
	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING									
	5/27/85	8/26/85	10/28/85	11/25/85	12/23/85	1/27/86	2/24/86	3/24/86		
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:	E									
10/28/85 11/25/85 12/23/85 1/27/86 2/24/86	13.5 13.0 13.4 11.9	10.0 11.3 9.4 8.8	13.1 9.2 8.3	8.7 7.7	4.3					
3/24/86 4/28/86 5/26/86	11.6 11.9 13.0	9.6 10.3 11.9	9.5 10.5 12.6	9.3 10.5 12.9	7.4 9.3 12.4	10.0 11.7 15.2	14.6	20.1		





LATEST DATA PLOTTED TWO WEEKS ENDING: MAY 19, 1986

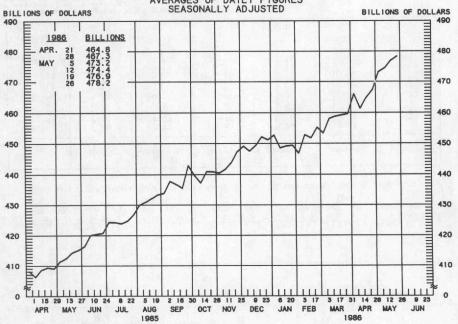


LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 26, 1986

1/ RATIO OF MONEY STOCK (MI) TO ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE

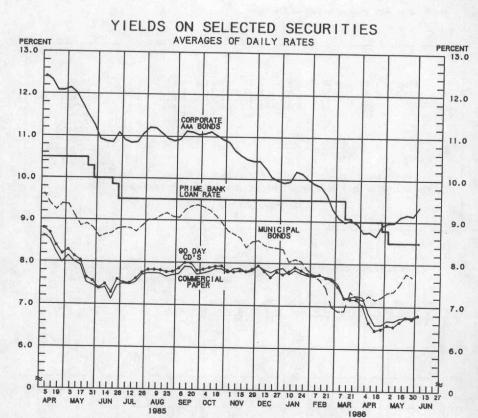
2/ CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS* H.6 RELEASE.





LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 26, 1986
TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS IS THE SUM OF DEMAND DEPOSITS AND OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL
DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

	TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS								
	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
	5/27/85	8/26/85	10/28/85	11/25/85	12/23/85	1/27/86	2/24/86	3/24/86	
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:									
10/28/85 11/25/85 12/23/85 1/27/86 2/24/86 3/24/86	15.7 15.0 15.6 13.4 12.5 13.0	11.3 13.2 10.3 9.5 10.6	15.4 9.7 8.6 10.3	8.9 7.7 10.1	2.9 7.3	11.3			
4/28/86	13.6	11.6	11.8	11.8	10.2	13.9	18.1	25.4	



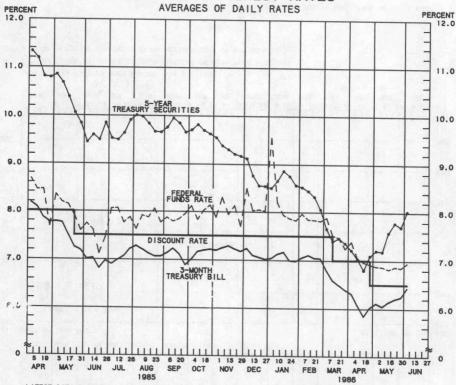
LATEST DATA PLOTTED	ARE	AVERAGES	OF	RATES	AVAILABLE FOR	THE	WEEK	END INC.	IIIAW O	1000	

1986	90 DAY CD*S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS* ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS NOK
APR. 4 11 18 25 MAY 2 9 16 23 30 JUNE 6 # 13 20 27	7.02 6.62 6.44 6.47 6.56 6.53 6.64 6.75 6.71 6.80	7.22 6.83 6.57 6.57 6.66 6.73 6.76 6.75 6.82	6.82 6.48 6.32 6.47 6.47 6.41 6.59 6.65 6.63 6.79	8.74 8.75 8.66 8.90 8.97 8.98 9.12 9.17 9.14 9.35	10.28 10.24 10.13 10.13 10.20 10.16 10.29 10.37 10.37	7.15 7.25 7.16 7.22 7.33 7.36 7.53 7.78 7.70 N.A.

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS* H.15 RELEASE.
AVERAGES OF RATES AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA

N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE

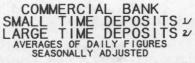


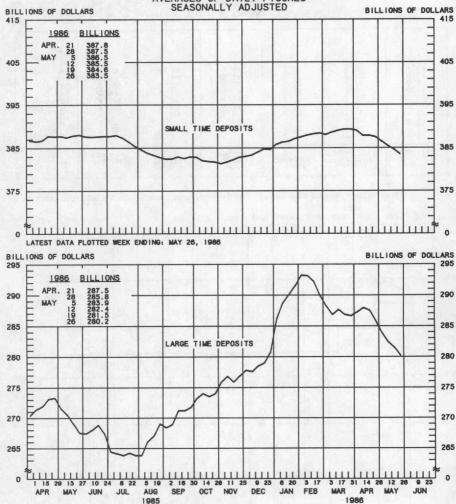


LATEST DATA PLOTTED ARE AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING: JUNE 6, 1986.

1986	FEDERAL FUNDS NOW	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL WHEE	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
APR. 4 11 18 25 MAY 2 9 16 23 30 JUNE 6 ** 13 20 27	7.39 7.05 6.97 6.92 6.88 6.87 6.82 6.85 6.95	6.31 6.07 5.84 6.03 6.11 6.05 6.14 6.20 6.24 6.43	6.32 6.17 5.93 5.87 6.14 6.09 6.10 6.28 6.21 6.41	6.27 6.03 5.85 6.08 6.17 6.10 6.24 6.33 6.37 6.58	7.22 7.04 6.80 7.10 7.21 7.19 7.58 7.78 8.02	7.66 7.62 7.42 7.70 7.81 7.80 8.10 8.26 8.24 8.64

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' H.15 RELEASE EXCLUDING LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES WHICH ARE COMPUTED BY THIS BANK. TREASURY BILL YIELDS ARE ON A DISCOUNT BASIS. WE AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE UNDER SEVEN AUCTION AVERAGE (DISCOUNT) THIS BANK AUCTION AVERAGE (DISCOUNT)



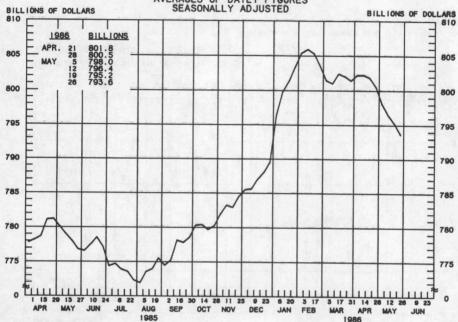


LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 26, 1986

1/ TIME DEPOSITS ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF LESS THAN \$100,000

2/ TIME DEPOSITS ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE

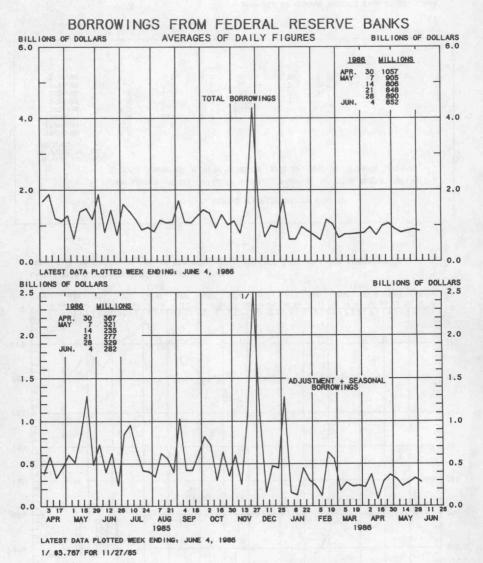




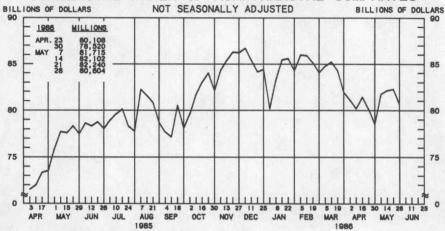
LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 26, 1986

TOTAL TIME IS THE SUM OF SAVINGS DEPOSITS, SMALL TIME DEPOSITS AND LARGE TIME DEPOSITS.

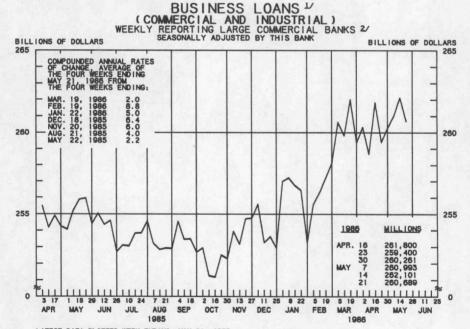
	TOTAL TIME DEPOSITS COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:									
	5/27/85				12/23/85					
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:										
10/28/85 11/25/85 12/23/85	0.5 1.2 1.8	4.9	5.4							
1/27/86 2/24/86 3/24/86	4.2 4.6 3.6	8.3 8.2 6.3	10.7 10.0 7.0	13.4 11.7 7.4	14.4	1.1				
4/28/86 5/26/86	3.2	5.4 3.8	5.6 3.5	5.7 3.3	5.7 2.8	0.7	-2.3 -4.5	-4.2		



COMMERCIAL PAPER OF NONFINANCIAL COMPANIES



LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 28, 1986



LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MAY 21, 1986

1/ BUSINESS LOANS INCLUDE BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES AND COMMERCIAL PAPER.

2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS GREATER THAN \$1.4 BILLION