

The federal funds rate increased considerably during the last week of 1986, reaching an effective daily high of 16.17 percent on December 30 and averaging 9.20 percent for the week, up 289 basis points from the previous week. In the subsequent week, however, the federal funds rate declined by 158 basis points.

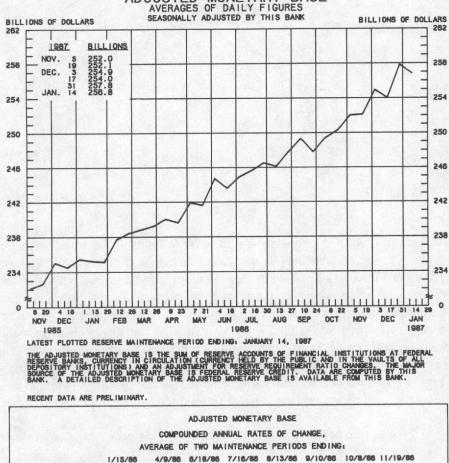
One explanation for this temporary, albeit dramatic, rise in the federal funds rate is that some banks apparently attempt to increase temporarily the size of their assets, in particular excess reserves, at year-end. These actions would result in temporary increases in excess reserves, the federal funds rate and adjustment plus seasonal borrowings (see table on back page). The banks that desire to increase their total assets at year-end bid the federal funds rate up substantially from its previous level. The increase in demand for assets coupled with a higher federal funds rate prompt additional borrowing from the Federal Reserve. For example, adjustment plus seasonal borrowings increased by \$1.283 billion in the week including December 31 from the previous week, only to decline by \$1.083 billion in the following week.

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ADJUSTED MONETARY BASE AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES

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7.5

13.0

13.6

14.2

9.1

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1/15/86

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8.2

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TO THE AVERAGE OF TWO MAINTENANCE PERIODS ENDING:

6/18/86

7/16/86

8/13/86

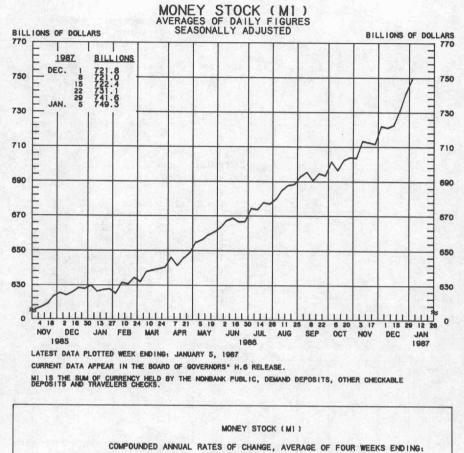
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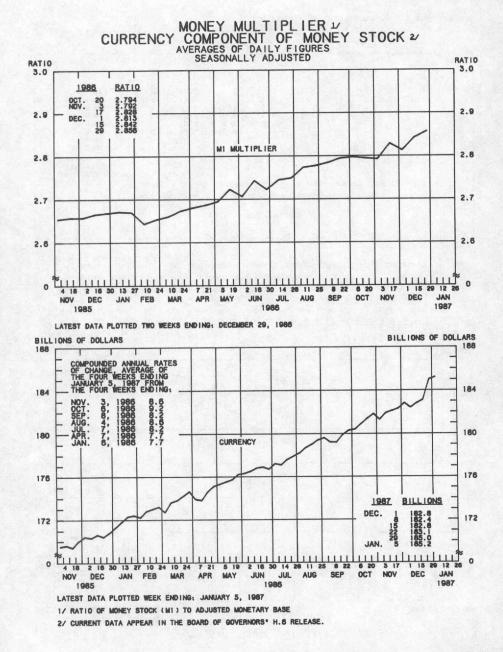
11/19/86

12/17/88

1/14/87



1/6/86 4/7/86 6/2/86 7/7/86 8/4/86 9/8/86 10/6/86 11/3/86 TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING: 13.1 13.5 13.9 15.3 6/ 2/86 7/ 7/86 18.6 18.1 19.4 17.5 16.9 15.9 18.7 16.2 15.5 17.3 20.1 8/ 4/86 20.6 9/ 8/86 14.5 16.4 15.3 17.9 21.9 10/ 6/86 16.4 15.6 17.7 21.1 11/ 3/88 10.2 12/ 8/86 15.4 18.0 19.5 1/ 5/87 32.2



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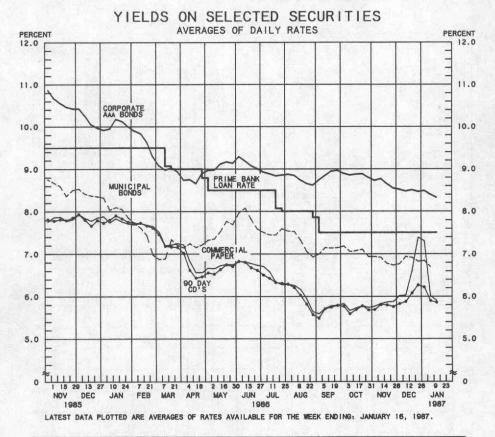
TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AVERAGES OF DAILY FIGURES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

TOTAL CHECKABLE DEPOSITS IS THE SUM OF DEMAND DEPOSITS AND OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT ALL DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.

			TOTAL	CHECKABL	E DEPOS	ITS		
	COMPOUNDER	ANNUAL	RATES (OF CHANGE	, AVERAG	E OF FO	UR WEEKS	ENDING:
	1/6/86	4/7/86	6/2/86	7/7/86	8/4/86	9/8/86	10/6/86	11/3/86
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
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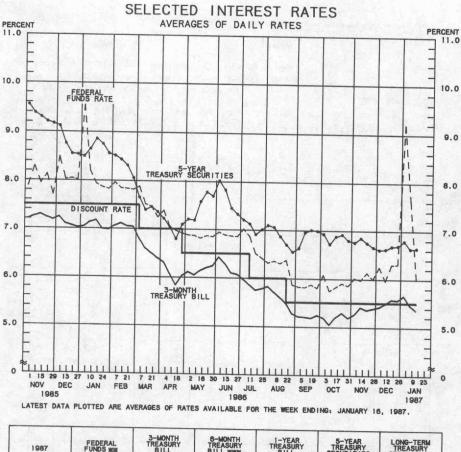
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1987	90 DAY CD"S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS* ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS 198
NOV. 7 14 21 28 DEC. 5 12 19 26 JAN. 2 9 16 # 23 0	5.69 5.81 5.80 5.76 5.88 6.27 6.22 5.86	5.77 5.83 5.87 5.88 6.02 6.03 6.59 7.30 7.31 6.01 5.91	5.61 5.73 5.71 5.75 5.84 6.04 6.24 6.10 5.74 5.73	8.73 8.77 8.65 8.55 8.52 8.48 8.51 8.41 8.41 8.49 8.40 8.33	10.09 10.12 10.04 9.99 9.98 9.97 9.97 9.97 9.98 9.97 9.82 9.72	6.94 6.92 6.78 6.77 6.94 6.83 6.83 6.85 6.85 6.70 N.A.

NOTE: CURRENT DATA APPEAR IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" H.15 RELEASE. # AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE ## BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA

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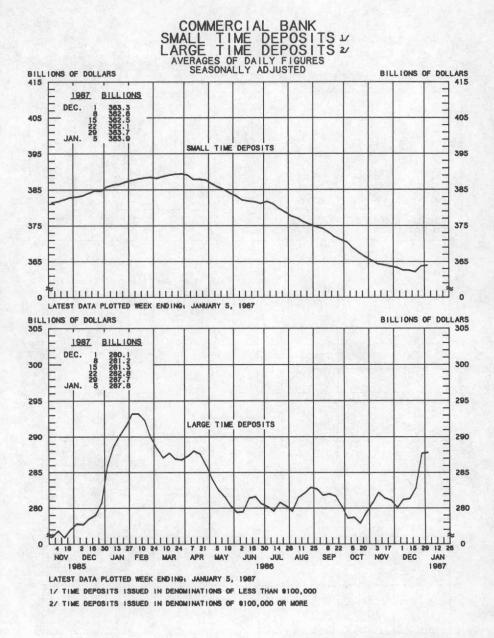


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NOV. 7 14 21 26 DEC. 12 19 26 JAN. 2 9 16 23 30	6.02 5.98 6.13 6.00 5.97 6.30 6.31 9.20 7.62 6.01	5.26 5.41 5.39 5.429 5.576 5.65 5.466 5.36	5.30 5.54 5.396 5.586 5.586 5.586 5.688 5.558 5.688 5.553 5.43	5.45 5.56 5.47 5.47 5.51 5.57 5.59 5.64 5.49 5.48	6.76 6.85 6.66 6.61 6.62 6.68 6.69 6.79 6.63 6.64	7.88 7.95 7.75 7.65 7.68 7.68 7.70 7.63 7.76 7.58 7.59

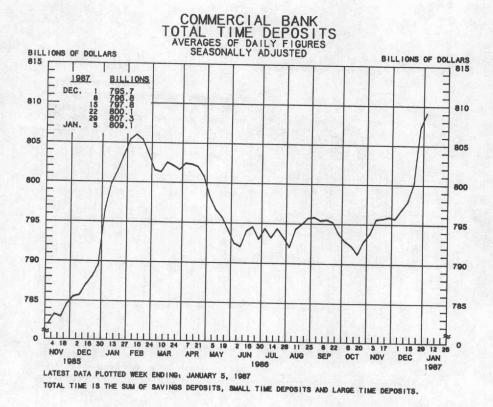
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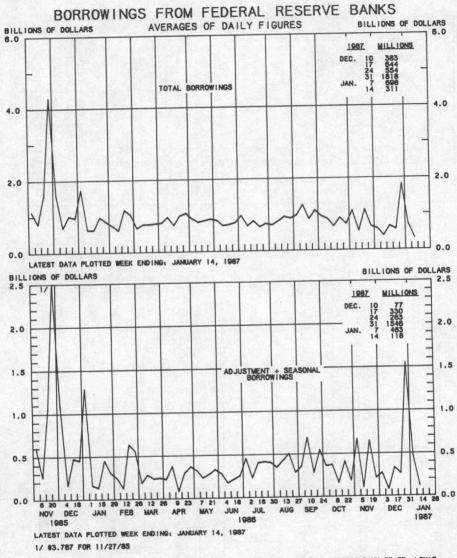
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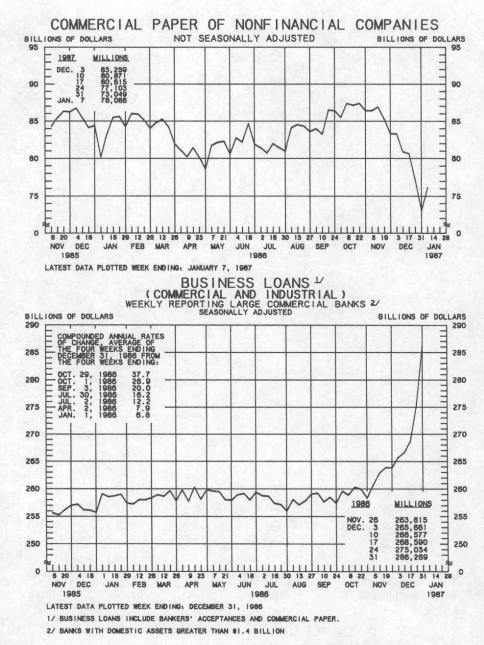
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	COMPOUND	ED ANNUAL	RATES	OF CHANG	E, AVERA	GE OF FO	UR WEEKS	
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:	1/6/86	4/7/86	6/2/86	7/7/86	8/4/86		10/6/86	11/3/86
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Changes in Excess Reserves, the Federal Funds Rate and Adjustment Plus Seasonal Borrowings at Year-End (change from week prior to week including 12/31 and change from week including 12/31 to subsequent week in parentheses; amounts in millions of dollars)

Year ending	Excess reserves ¹	Federal funds rate ²	Adjustment plus seasonal borrowings
1982	\$ 486 (-421)	142 (-179)	\$ 556 (-763)
1983	131 (-118)	110 (-53)	536 (-725)
1984	681 (-574)	80 (-48)	969 (-891)
1985	479 (-31)	153 (-135)	832 (-1126)
1986	1363 (-1395)	289 (-158)	1283 (-1083)

¹ Difference between maintenance periods

² Changes in basis points

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