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Our association welcomes the proposals, and prospective in the Federal Reserve "discount window" operations, designed enable commercial banks to meet more effectively the credit needs their communities, as recommended in this Fed report after 3 of study.

Our association welcomes the changes proposed in present tions to give member banks more generous borrowing pı seasonal advances and additional short-term borrowing peı under certain circumstances.

We approve proposed reforms to include emergency credit member banks, savings and loan, mutual savings banks, i companies and possibly credit unions. Until such time as the its role of monetary management, is empowered to fix the requirements for financial institutions other than commercial we believe such credit should be limited to emergencies.

The Independent Bankers Association approves the proposals amend monetary policy procedures to make possible frequent perhaps even weekly, in the discount rate at which banks borr the Fed. Our association welcomes the Joint Economic C hearings to provide a forum for full discussion of the Fed report, comment by Fed spokesmen, the banking community, and the bined academic and economics community.

As president and Federal legislative chairman of our ass we are convinced that any plan the Federal Reserve adopts to and liberalize the procedures to enable member banks to borr the Fed will be an improvement.

Our association wishes to affirm and reaffirm our widespre bership conviction that the Fed should encourage the smaller to borrow from the Fed. In this connection, we believe the p the Federal Reserve to lend should be amended and updated as Board has requested of the Congress. We likewise believe the should be encouraged to contribute more in a helpful way to operation of banks, the better to enable them to meet and myriad problems which confront them.

As a broad part of the general problem of maintaining tl and viable dual banking system that is now traditional in our land, our association is fully aware that many services and are now being handled by the correspondent banks, and is c that should the correspondent banks continue to merge and p branch banking or holding company competitive route, that the will soon come when there will no longer be large banks with the community banks can do business.