Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980

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The regulatory environment that banks and other depository institutions operated under required a major overhaul. Interest rates to be doubled, pricing as a result of larger inflows of reserves. However, the costs of the deposit institutions allowed to pay rates on deposits subject to the Federal Reserve Act. Consequently, savers began to avoid banks as vehicles for their savings and placed their funds in uninsured mutual funds and other non-traditional channels. The result was a permanent decline in the demand for bank deposits.

By increasing the supply of federal funds, the Federal Reserve hoped to attract more funds to the deposit institutions, helping to stabilize the money supply. However, the phase-out of the Federal Reserve Act was ended in 1977, which made it easier for the deposit institutions to hold reserves and granting them access to the discount window do provide for a more level playing field across institutions.

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Title II of the act is known as the Depository Institutions Deregulation Act of 1980. It phased out restrictions on interest rates that deposit institutions could offer on their deposits. To ensure economic transition to this new environment, the phrase was to last six years. At the beginning of the phase-in period, only large banks had access to the discount window. However, by the end of the phase-in period, all depository institutions could access the discount window.

Regulatory restrictions also were a factor in the money supply. The deposit institutions were required to hold certain amounts of their funds either in the form of vault cash or the accounts they keep at regional Federal Reserve Banks. The amount of vault cash was determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. This was limiting the Fed's ability to control the money supply. This was limiting the Fed's ability to control the money supply. The freedom to compete for deposits in financial markets so banks could compete for depositors' funds benefited consumers, increased money, and helped market structures move smoothly. Three decades later, we now see that allowing banks to compete freely in the marketplace has led to innovation and change. Financial institutions have created new levels of transparency and help stabilize the economy. The deposit institutions were required to hold certain amounts of their funds either in the form of vault cash or the accounts they keep at regional Federal Reserve Banks. The amount of vault cash was determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. This was limiting the Fed's ability to control the money supply.

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