Document 0400 After a bad start , Treasury bonds were buoyed by a late burst of buying to end modestly higher . During the first hour of trading yesterday , prices fell ev-w1273f5 PREC (CAUS) (ACT-arg) (PAT-arg) (RSTR) But market activity was energized as investors started to view the lower price levels as attractive . ev-w1149f1 ev-w3554f1 ev-w3554f1 Treasury 's \$ 17.6 billion auction of short-term bills , which generated strong buying interest , helped to lift the bond market out of the doldrums . ORIG-arg The debt ceiling is scheduled to fall to \$ 2.8 trillion from \$ 2.87 trillion at midnight tonight . 's benchmark 30-year bond rose 1/8 point . Mortgage-backed securities were up less than 1/8 point and investment-grade corporate bonds were unchanged .











