

Title: Is the Debt Ceiling, ON RRP, and The Treasury connected to "The Big Sneeze?"

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So the closer we get to the debt ceiling decision, the more people are starting to pay attention to it. I through in a few pictures to illustrate the possible connection.

[Separate Charts starting Nov/06/2020 to Present](<http://imgur.com/gallery/R6Kp71P>)

[Charts put together. Runs + ONRRP Spikes](<http://imgur.com/gallery/gOzdQDM>)

Let's learn what the debt ceiling is, how it's connected to the Treasury and Treasury Bonds which fuel the ON RRP facility right now. I've put together a brief summary of what each body is and how they connect. I've tried to make it ELI5 enough, but it's more of a ELI15, so try to follow along.

I've left out some things I feel aren't so important, so if you have questions or comments I can update the post with them. (or try)

#### **\*\*Government T-bonds\*\***

Treasury bonds are issued at monthly online auctions held directly by the U.S. Treasury, where they are sold in multiples of \$100. 3■ A bond's price and its yield are determined during the auction. After that, T-bonds are traded actively in the secondary market and can be purchased through a bank or broker.

#### **\*\*Debt ceiling\*\***

-The United States debt ceiling or debt limit is a legislative limit on the amount of national debt that can be incurred by the U.S. Treasury, thus limiting how much money the federal government may pay on the debt they already borrowed. The debt ceiling is an aggregate figure that applies to the gross debt, which includes debt in the hands of the public and in intra-government accounts

-Because expenditures are authorized by separate legislation, the debt ceiling does not directly limit government deficits. In effect, it can only restrain the Treasury from paying for expenditures and other financial obligations after the limit has been reached, but which have already been approved (in the budget) and appropriated.

-\*\*If the debt ceiling was approached and not raised\*\*

-If this situation were to occur, it is unclear whether Treasury would be able to prioritize payments on debt to avoid a default on its bond obligations. They would likely default and cause a massive worldwide financial crisis.

#### **\*\*\*THE DESK\*\*\***

-The New York Fed's Open Market Trading Desk (the Desk) is authorized by the Federal Open Market

Committee (\*\*FOMC\*\*) to conduct repurchase agreement (repo) and reverse repo transactions.

**\*\*The FOMC(Federal Open Market Committee)\*\***

-The Federal Open Market Committee authorizes and directs the Federal Reserve Bank selected by the Committee to execute open market transactions (for wording purposes, Fed Reserve = "Selected Bank"), to the extent necessary to carry out the most recent domestic policy directive adopted by the Committee:

-In order to ensure the effective conduct of open market operations, the Committee authorizes the Selected Bank to operate a program to lend Eligible Securities held in the SOMA to dealers on an overnight basis (except that the Selected Bank may lend Eligible Securities for longer than an overnight term to accommodate weekend, holiday, and similar trading conventions).

**\*\*ON(Overnight) Reverse repos\*\***

-The Desk(Treasury) conducts ON RRP operations at a pre-announced offering rate set by the FOMC. The Desk offers U.S. Treasury securities held in the System Open Market Account (SOMA) portfolio to settle ON RRP transactions. A wide range of counterparties—primary dealers, banks, money market mutual funds, and government sponsored enterprises—are eligible to participate in the ON RRP.

-Each repo transaction is economically similar to a loan collateralized by securities, and temporarily increases the supply of reserve balances in the banking system.

-Conversely, in a reverse repo transaction, the Desk sells securities to a counterparty subject to an agreement to repurchase the securities at a later date. Reverse repo transactions temporarily reduce the supply of reserve balances in the banking system.

-Together, the IORB(Interest on Reserve Balances)(aka rate which the feds pay for your money overnight) rate and the ON RRP set a floor under overnight rates, beneath which banks and non-bank financial institutions should be unwilling to invest funds in private markets. Basically, they give you money for your money, if you don't want to invest the money you have in the stock market.

**\*\*TLDR\*\***

**\*\*What it's supposed to look like\*\***

US Treasury uses Selected Bank to sell T-bonds to financial institutions to "park their cash", because they apparently they don't feel NOW is a good time to invest in the private markets.

**\*\*What it looks like to me\*\***

The way I see it, it's essentially just the feds, banks, HFs, cooking the books somehow overnight so everything looks pretty and nice so they don't look like they are having severe liquidity issues. They need the collateral to offset their major mistakes. I'm not sure how it DIRECTLY connects to the GameStop saga, or meme saga in general, but believe it's indirectly connected. I'm currently searching for that connection.

I believe the financial crisis has already started.

But I'm not a financial advisor. So, don't listen to me.