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In the aftermath of the Federal Reserve's decision to raise interest rates, uneven economic data didn't move any meters or set off any alarms last week. The positive news included a rise in U.S. consumer sentiment, robust new house sales and spending on the back of low gasoline prices and improving income. But on the negative side, existing home sales disappointed and core capital goods orders fell half a percentage point. In between the two poles was a final reading of U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) in third quarter, coming in nearly unchanged and consensus-meeting 2.0%.

The short end of the London interbank offered rate (Libor) continued its upward climb. 1-month Libor rose from 41 basis points to 42 and 3-month Libor increased from 59 basis points to 60.