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[ ] CMT Rate

Index Maturity: N/A

March 21, 2001

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 26

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(To Prospectus dated January 11, 2001, and Prospectus Supplement dated January 11, 2001)

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\$9,015,893,162
THE BEAR STEARNS COMPANIES INC.
MEDIUM-TERM NOTES. SERIES B

	MEDIUM-TERM 1	NOTES, SERIES B	
Principal Amount: \$10,0	00,000 Floati	ng Rate Notes [x] Boo	k Entry Notes [x]
Original Issue Date: 3	/20/2001 Fixed	Rate Notes [ ] Cer	tificated Notes [
Maturity Date: 3/20/20	02 CUSIP#	: 073928TH6	
Option to Extend Maturi		Final Maturity Date:	
Redeemable On	Redemption Price(s)	Optional Repayment Date(s)	Optional Repayment Price(s)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Applicable Only to Fixe	d Rate Notes:		
Interest Rate:			
Interest Payment Dates:			
Applicable Only to Floa 	-		
Interest Rate Basis:		Maximum Interest Rat	e: N/A
[ ] Commercial Paper Rate		Minimum Interest Rat	e: N/A
[ x ] Federal Funds Rate		Interest Reset Date(	s): Daily
[ ] Treasury Rate		Interest Reset Perio	d: Daily
[ ] LIBOR Reuters		<pre>Interest Payment Date(s): *</pre>	
[ ] LIBOR Telerate			
[ ] Prime Rate			

Initial Interest Rate: 5.3675% Interest Payment Period: Quarterly

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Spread (plus or minus): + 0.18%

\* On the 20th of June, September, December and at Maturity.

The distribution of Notes will conform to the requirements set forth in Rule 2720 of the NASD Conduct Rules.