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The Day Ahead: The Unbelievable Impact of the Government Shutdown

Markets closed on Friday with a government shutdown still in limbo. Ostensibly, that meant the reaction in stocks and bonds wouldn't be fully seen until this morning. Indeed, there was a reaction, and for all the fuss made over the shutdown in the news (and even among some traders/analysts), the end result may be **hard to believe** (unless you've been paying attention to our analysis or otherwise already in the know).



In other words, **nothing happened** in markets, and that continues to be the case as the domestic hours begin. Part of the underwhelming response could be due to the fact that the shutdown is still in a sort of limbo, given that another temporary bill is in the works for today. But even then, it continues to be the case that government shutdowns aren't huge market movers, and certainly not responsible for any longer-term momentum.

In terms of data and events, the week is **more of a blank slate than normal.** Economic data is very light, with a few housing reports in the middle of the week and GDP/Durable Goods on Friday morning. None of the above is of significant interest to bonds at the moment. The Treasury auctions (Tue-Thu) are slightly more relevant, but this cycle is the less relevant of the two (2yr, 5yr, and 7yr).

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.02	+0.21
10 YR Treasury	4.8817	-0.0482
30 YR Treasury	5.2507	-0.0575

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Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
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30YR Fixed	7.27%	0.00	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.92%	0.00	0.00
30YR FHA	6.91%	+0.01	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.52%	-0.03	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.70%	-0.08	0.00
30YR VA	6.92%	+0.01	0.00

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We expect ongoing corporate debt issuance throughout the week. Traders expect it too, and this has been one of the motivations toward higher yields in January (i.e. more corporate bond issuance than markets expected). Once this supply starts to die down, it will be time for bonds' first decent correction of the year (i.e. **a day or two of green** to break up all the recent red). There's no way to know exactly when that will happen, but this week is definitely a possibility.

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