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MBS Recap: (Un)Surprising Reversal After Initial Weakness



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The sharp overnight losses in stocks and bonds were consistent with a market that didn't have time to process the sort of knee-jerk reaction one would expect from headlines like Moody's US credit rating downgrade. Most of the rest of the domestic session was consistent with the type of reversal one might expect after a knee-jerk reaction to news that wasn't really that newsworthy. As has been exhaustively covered, 2 of the other big 3 ratings agencies had long since taken the US credit rating down a peg, thus limiting the true significance of Friday's news. Bonds ended the day weaker than they were at 3pm last Friday (before the Moody's news), but slightly stronger vs the 5pm levels (15 minutes after the Moody's news).





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MBS Morning

9:10 AM Global Bond Audience is Booming US Fiscal Performance

3:14 PM

Market Movement Recap

- 08:36 AM Sharply weaker overnight as Moody's reaction extends overseas. MBS down 3/8ths and 10yr up 7.3bps at 4.552
- 10:48 AM Making progress after sellers got their fill. MBS down only an eighth and 10yr up only 2bps at 4.5
- 02:01 PM Now moving into positive territory with MBS up 1 tick (.03) and 10yr roughly unchanged at 4.481

Lock / Float Considerations

- Bonds/rates find themselves in the unpleasant position of not knowing where their next big impetus for improvement will come from. While it's true that rates can fall despite an obvious catalyst, this is nonetheless not a float-friendly environment. The only foreseeable exceptions would be for seriously weak economic data and another big dip in stocks.

Technicals/Trends in 10yr (why 10yr)

- Ceiling/Support (can be used as "lock triggers")
 - o 4.64
 - o 4.48

- Floor/Resistance
 - o 3.99
 - o 4.05
 - o 4.12
 - o 4.19
 - o 4.34
 - o 4.40

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MBS		
30YR UMBS 5.5		+
30YR UMBS 6.0		+
30YR GNMA 5.5		+
15YR UMBS-15 5.0		+
US Treasuries		
10 YR	4.460%	-0.020%
2 YR	3.973%	-0.031%
30 YR	4.924%	-0.035%
5 YR	4.066%	-0.021%

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