MBS Recap: Surprisingly Light Selling Given The Econ Data

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Today's market reaction to the big beat in NFP (162k vs 56k) certainly stretches the paradigm of most market watchers who've been in the game for more than a few years, but this has been the reality over the past year or two. Relatively rapid changes in labor force trends (and ongoing changes in seasonal distortions) have made the job count a less precise measurement of labor market health than it once was. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate has been far more insulated from that volatility (and far less prone to big beats/misses compared to NFP). This doesn't mean NFP doesn't matter. Clearly, it does. It just didn't hit bonds quite as hard as you might expect. Very early in the day, attention turned to the 3-day weekend and next week's inflation data. The modest increase in yields was an incidental byproduct.

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MBS Morning

8:42 AM Bonds Only Moderately Higher After Balmy NFP

2:58 PM

Econon Data / Events

- - Average earnings mm (Aug)
    - 0.3% vs 0.3% f'cast, 0.1% prev
  - Non Farm Payrolls (Aug)
    - 162K vs 56K f'cast, -23K prev
  - Participation Rate (Aug)
    - 61.6% vs -- f'cast, 61.4% prev
  - Unemployment rate mm (Aug)
    - 4.1% vs 4.1% f'cast, 4.1% prev

Market Movement Recap

08:42 AM stronger overnight and now moderately weaker after NFP. MBS down 6 ticks (.19) and 10yr up 2.6bps at 4.796

09:57 AM Very decent recovery. MBS down only 1 tick (.03) and 10yr now unchanged at 4.768

03:03 PM MBS down 3 ticks (.09) and 10yr up 1.4bps at 4.782

Lock / Float Considerations

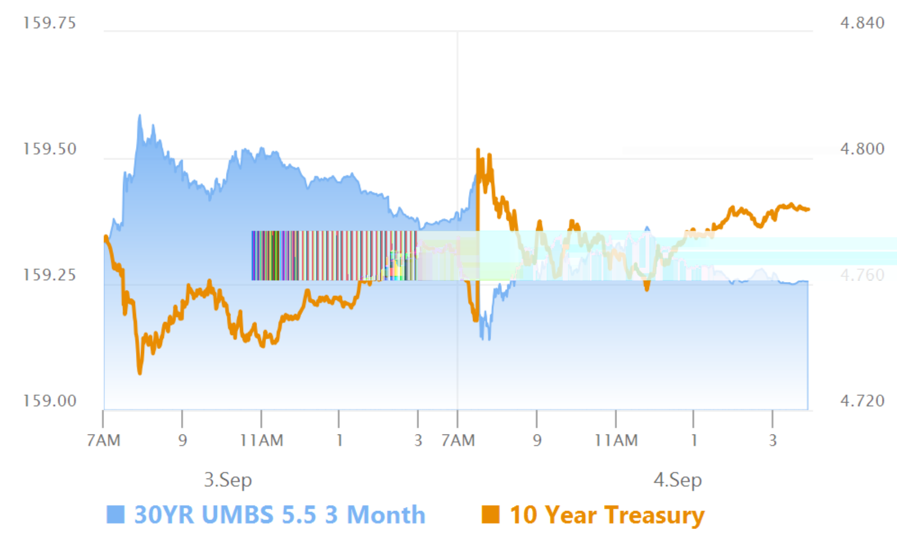
- 9/4/26 - More data ahead next week with highly consequential CPI/PPI mid-week. In addition, the combination of ongoing war headlines risk and the absence of any significant recovery mean that a defensive strategy continues to make the most sense until something definitively changes.

Technicals/Trends in 10yr (**why 10yr**)

- Ceiling/Support (can be used as "lock triggers")
  - 4.80
  - 4.71

- Floor/Resistance
  - 4.42
  - 4.54
  - 4.62

MBS & Treasury Markets



MBS
30YR UMBS 5.5
30YR UMBS 6.0
30YR GNMA 5.5
15YR UMBS-15 5.0

US Treasuries		
10 YR	4.784%	+0.015%
2 YR	4.371%	+0.029%
30 YR	5.243%	-0.006%
5 YR	4.547%	+0.028%

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