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## MBS Recap: Bonds Shy Away From Firm Confirmation of Shift

- Bonds had a chance to confirm the start of a new trend today
- Instead, they stayed on last week's fence
- Could be bad, could be nothing
- ISM Prices Paid hurt us more than headline helped

Perhaps it's just a Monday thing or perhaps it's because I'm not that bright, but there was really only one interesting takeaway for bond markets today in my opinion. It had to do with **this morning's ISM data** and its inflation component. The whole dynamic of the data release and subsequent market reaction reminded me of the most recent preliminary Consumer Sentiment data.

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Today's ISM data was a **similar dynamic playing out in reverse**. The headline index was 50.8 vs 51.4--at best, worth an equivocal market reaction--but the "prices paid" component rose to its highest levels since late 2014. Many pundit-types like to watch the price reports in manufacturing surveys as an early indicator for inflation being passed through to the consumer. Considering we're basically left with inflation as the only remaining Fed rate hike roadblock, anything that hints at inflationary traction could be bad for bonds.

Perhaps today was that simple, or **perhaps it was an even simpler story** of very light volumes allowing yields to be pushed around more easily by the typical amount of 'new-month' trade flows. In terms of trading levels, we didn't lose enough ground to firmly kill the dream of staging in the mid 1.8's for another break lower, but we definitely didn't see the sort of high-conviction bond buying that sends everyone running for the float boat.

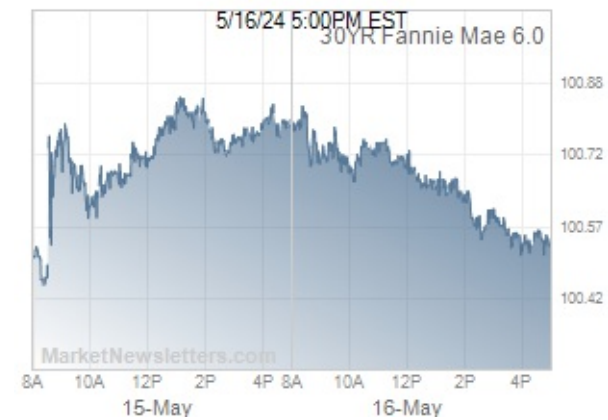
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## MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.55	<b>-0.25</b>
MBS GNMA 6.0	101.31	<b>-0.18</b>
10 YR Treasury	4.3148	<b>-0.0257</b>
30 YR Treasury	4.4784	<b>-0.0282</b>

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## Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	<b>+0.03</b>	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.53%	<b>+0.03</b>	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.55%	<b>+0.03</b>	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.31%	<b>+0.01</b>	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.24%	<b>+0.04</b>	0.00
<b>Freddie Mac</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	<b>-0.42</b>	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	<b>-0.48</b>	0.00
<b>Mortgage Bankers Assoc.</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	<b>-0.10</b>	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	<b>+0.01</b>	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	<b>-0.03</b>	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	<b>-0.09</b>	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	<b>-0.04</b>	0.66

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