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MBS Recap: Bonds Win Despite Healthy Opposition. Time to Celebrate?

How many ways could bond market **weakness** have been justified today? Shall I count the ways?

1. GDP +3.2 vs +3.0 forecast and +2.9 previously
2. Business Inventories only added 0.49% to the GDP total (a higher amount could serve as a counterpoint to the strong GDP reading.
3. Consumer Confidence +107.1 vs +101.2 (a big beat).
4. Other components of Confidence numbers were strong
5. Stocks, European bond markets, and the prevailing trend all argued for weakness
6. Corporate bond issuance has ramped up (adds pressure to Treasuries for these reasons).
7. Yesterday was good, and are we even allowed to have 2 good days in a row anymore?!

That laundry list of **negative** justification had to face off against a seemingly inferior team of **positive** anecdotes.

1. Investors are fretting over tomorrow's OPEC meeting and oil prices were under some pressure today.
2. 10yr yields managed to avoid breaking the 2.35% technical ceiling this morning.
3. traders had a bit of extra motivation for month-end bond buying

Of that list of positives, it was really the **month-end buying** that did the heavy lifting. To offer a gross oversimplification, it's been very fashionable to sell bonds in November. Selling has been aggressive enough that some traders found themselves a bit understocked on the bonds they're required to be holding by the end of business tomorrow.

There wasn't much sense in buying aggressively while yields were drifting higher this morning. Primary dealers were also compelled to bid at a Treasury Bill auction at 11:30am. But shortly thereafter, the jig was up and a modest frenzy of month-end buying brought bond markets **back into positive territory** on the day.

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	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.43	-0.62
10 YR Treasury	4.9860	+0.0952
30 YR Treasury	5.3557	+0.0737

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	Rate	Change	Points
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15YR Fixed	6.92%	+0.09	0.00
30YR FHA	6.89%	+0.07	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	+0.03	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.80%	+0.31	0.00
30YR VA	6.90%	+0.07	0.00

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