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Inaugural IAM Union Cookout and Brew- ers Outing

On Saturday, June 28th Local 66 along with locals 78 and 1916 hosted their inaugural joint cookout and Brewers outing. This was the first event the locals joined forces to put on and it was a big success. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious and the Brewers won. We'd like to thank everyone that volunteered to help, it took a lot of work to get this event together. We'd also like to thank everyone that attended, it was a great day! There isn't much more we can say about the day, we'll let the pictures do the rest of the talking.



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Past Sacrifices, Future Victories: Seneca Falls Convention

In the August 2024 edition of Past Sacrifices, Future Victories we wrote about the Women's Strike for Equality. We mentioned some of the things leading up to the passage of the 19th amendment but didn't deep dive into them. However, doing research on that article led to the idea of writing this piece to commemorate what has come to be known as the starting point in the fight for women's rights: The Seneca Falls Convention.

It was held in Seneca Falls, New York on July 18th and 19th, 1848. It was organized by Elizabeth Cady and Lucretia Mott. The event didn't get a lot of publicity when it occurred, and the coverage it did receive was not positive toward the movement. It did not dissuade the roughly 300 in attendance from banding together to set forth a movement that would bring freedoms to the women of the United States, the same freedoms white males (at that time) received.

Cady spoke to the delegation on its first day "We are assembled to protest against a form of government, existing without the consent of the governed – to declare our right to be free as man is free, to be represented in the government which we are taxed to support, to have such disgraceful laws as give man the power to chastise and imprison his wife, to take the wages which she earns, the property which she inherits, and, in case of separation, the children of her love; laws test against such unjust laws as these that we are assembled today, and to have them, if possible, forever erased from our statute-books, deeming them as a shame and a disgrace to a Christian republic in the nineteenth century."

Cady also went on to read The Declaration of Sentiments also known as The Declaration of Rights and Sentiments. It outlined resolutions that the delegation voted on. It was written similarly as the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed. Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these rights, it is the right of those who suffer from it to refuse allegiance to it, and to insist upon the institution of a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

The 11 resolutions were:

Resolved, That such laws as conflict, in any way, with the true and substantial happiness of woman, are contrary to the great precept of nature, and of no validity; for this is "superior in obligation to any other."

Resolved, That all laws which prevent woman from occupying such a station in society as her conscience shall dictate, or which place her in a position inferior to that of man, are contrary to the great precept of nature, and therefore of no force or authority.



Elizabeth Cady (above) and

Lucretia Mott (below)



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Resolved, That woman is man's equal -- was intended to be so by the Creator, and the highest good of the race demands that she should be recognized as such.

Resolved, That the women of this country ought to be enlightened in regard to the laws under which they live, that they may no longer publish their degradation, by declaring themselves satisfied with their present position, nor their ignorance, by asserting that they have all the rights they want.

Resolved, That inasmuch as man, while claiming for himself intellectual superiority, does accord to woman moral superiority, it is pre-eminently his duty to encourage her to speak, and teach, as she has an opportunity, in all religious assemblies.

Resolved, That the same amount of virtue, delicacy, and refinement of behavior, that is required of woman in the social state, should also be required of man, and the same transgressions should be visited with equal severity on both man and woman.

Resolved, That the objection of indelicacy and impropriety, which is so often brought against woman when she addresses a public audience, comes with a very ill grace from those who encourage, by their attendance, her appearance on the stage, in the concert, or in the feats of the circus.

Resolved, That woman has too long rested satisfied in the circumscribed limits which corrupt customs and a perverted application of the Scriptures have marked out for her, and that it is time she should move in the enlarged sphere which her great Creator has assigned her.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise.

Resolved, That the equality of human rights results necessarily from the fact of the identity of the race in capabilities and responsibilities.

Resolved, therefore, That, being invested by the Creator with the same capabilities, and the same consciousness of responsibility for their exercise, it is demonstrably the right and duty of woman, equally with man, to promote every righteous cause, by every righteous means; and especially in regard to the great subjects of morals and religion, it is self-evidently her right to participate with her brother in teaching them, both in private and in public, by writing and by speaking, by any instrumentalities proper to be used, and in any assemblies proper to be held; and this being a self-evident truth, growing out of the divinely implanted principles of human nature, any custom or authority adverse to it, whether modern or wearing the hoary sanction of antiquity, is to be regarded as self-evident falsehood, and at war with the interests of mankind.

All resolutions were passed unanimously except the 9th resolution, stating women had the right to vote. Detractors felt that approving it would take away from others as this was the resolution that had the biggest opposition in the public eye. Fredrick Douglass, who was in attendance spoke in favor of the resolution saying "In this denial of the right to participate in government, not merely the degradation of woman and the perpetuation of a great injustice happens, but the maiming and repudiation of one-half of the moral and intellectual power of the government of the world." The resolution passed and the course was set for women in America to gain the same freedoms as men.

After the Seneca Falls convention there were similar conventions all across the country, held regularly up until the Civil war. Sadly both Elizabeth Cady and Lucretia Mott would not live to see the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. However their impacts and their leadership were a large part in starting a movement that was desperately needed here in America.

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On The Mark



June 2025

Does the Big Bill Pack a Big Punch?

Key Takeaways

- The conflicting combination of tax cuts, tariffs and spending cuts are expected to provide a **limited boost to economic growth**, even in the face of rising debt levels.
- While the Bill as a whole lacks a big punch, the policy timing of stimulus first and spending cuts later should act a **tailwind for equities** while keeping upward pressure on interest rates.

What's in the Bill?

The reconciliation package of President Trump's priorities on taxes and spending now sits in the Senate after narrowly passing through the House.

The three key pieces of One Big, Beautiful Bill (aka, the Bill) are the permanent extension of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, temporary tax breaks for overtime and tips for certain taxpayers, and deductions for State and Local Taxes (SALT) through 2028, and increased resources for border security and national defense.

The spend is partially offset by cuts in Medicaid, nutrition assistance, and student loans, and by eliminating or reducing the tax credits for clean energy production and electric vehicles in the 2021 Inflation Reduction Act.

The Bill also raises the debt ceiling, adding urgency to the timing of the Bill. However, should negotiations deteriorate, Congress can raise the debt ceiling separately.

How Does It Affect the Economy?

The Bill, while big in size, lacks a big punch. It is expected to boost economic growth by 0.4% to 0.8% by 2034, according to estimates from the Tax Foundation and the

Penn Wharton Budget Model. It is also expected to raise the deficit by \$2.8 to \$3.4 trillion over the next ten years, when including interest on the incremental debt. The deficit estimates do not include any benefits that may accrue from additional growth due to stimulus, and they exclude tariff revenues. Estimating tariff revenues is challenging given the ongoing negotiations. Models from Yale Budget Lab show that even when tariffs are included, the Federal debt rises anyway.

What Does It Mean for Markets?

While the Bill as a whole provides limited boost to growth, the timing of the different provisions makes a difference. The tax cut provisions in the Bill are front-loaded through 2029, while spending cuts are backloaded through 2034. Thus, the combined impact of tax cuts, tariffs, and some spending cuts still provides a net stimulus to the economy, which would be a tailwind to equities in the near term.

While the Bill may be good news for stocks, bonds face a different outlook. After the House passed the reconciliation bill, interest rates on longer-term US Treasuries have risen. Bond prices, which move in the opposite direction of interest rates, have fallen as investors demand higher interest rates for the larger debt burden.

For investors, shorter maturity bonds can be a sensible choice to manage deficit concerns. They provide ballast against interest rate volatility as they are less susceptible to price changes that occur with interest rate fluctuations, while also providing ballast against stock market volatility.

Bottom Line

The Bill is likely to see changes, possibly a lot, as it comes through the Senate. However, one outcome is clear: the Bill will extend the current TCJA tax cuts, given that it is baked into market expectations. While the Bill as a whole lacks a big punch, the policy timing of stimulus first and spending cuts later should act as a tailwind for equities while keeping upward pressure on interest rates.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

The Golf Club At Camelot
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Seniors Corner: Social Security Administration Quietly Removes Customer Service Data as Commissioner Testifies in Congress

from retiredamericans.org

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has stopped posting customer service performance metrics on its website, according to a new report from the Washington Post. The SSA website no longer has a “live data” section that shows current call wait times, callback wait times, and number of callers waiting on hold or waiting for a callback.

SSA Commissioner Frank Bisignano did not say why the agency removed this information or commit to fixing the issue when asked about it by Rep. Judy Chu (CA) during a hearing in the House Ways and Means Social Security and Work and Welfare Subcommittees on Wednesday.

Bisignano focused on his plan to use technology, including Artificial Intelligence to “modernize” customer service at the agency, and insisted that he doesn’t need to increase staffing levels for those improvements. In February, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) implemented staffing reductions that slashed the SSA workforce by 12 percent, wreaking havoc at the agency with slowed down claims processing times, increased wait times, and frequent website crashes.

Throughout the often combative hearing on Wednesday, Bisignano emphasized that he wants to use technology at the agency more while still “meeting people where they are” and providing “an omnichannel” approach.

But he failed to provide specifics about how he would ensure that rural Americans and seniors without broadband or smart phones continue to have access to customer service while the agency implements artificial intelligence (AI) and other modernization technologies. He could not even provide a straight answer about whether AI would be used for eligibility determinations or redeterminations.

“These changes are not modernizing, they are marginalizing,” said Rep. Terri Sewell (AL). “In Black and Brown communities where generational poverty and digital exclusion remain high, seniors are now expected to navigate impersonal and inaccessible systems with little or no support.”

Committee members also asked about the Department of Government Efficiency’s (DOGE) reach in the Social Security Administration. Bisignano deflected about how much influence DOGE still has within the agency, and he doubled down on misinformation originally spread by Elon Musk, the head of DOGE, refusing to refute his false claim that 120 year olds were collecting Social Security benefits.

“There’s an immediate urgency as it deals with DOGE and their access to the public’s personal data,” said Social Security Subcommittee Ranking Member John Larson (CT). “I also think that it’s become blatantly obvious to the American public that we are in the midst of the privatization of Social Security. We have put forward a plan, the plan is very specific and direct. We see no plan, we’ve had no hearing from our colleagues on the other side.”

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting for July is CANCELLED	District 10 Business Meeting For July is CANCELLED	Lodge 66 Business Meeting For July is CANCELLED	Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is July 26th Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com
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