MSI Week Ended November 11th

The Maine Stock Index ended with an increase this week. The increase was 4.33% to 110.35. The Maine Stock Index had ended with a decrease for the past five weeks. UPS (UPS) increased by 6.82% to $114.23 and General Dynamic (GD) increased to $168.55 by 12.51%. Penn National Gaming (PENN) increased to $13.40 by 10.56%. Last week it had a decrease of over 6%. Additionally, Rite Aid (RAD) increased to $7.27 by 12.71%.

UPS (UPS): On Monday UPS air maintenance workers voted in favor of a strike authorization. Their union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has been negotiating a new labor contract with UPS, primarily over heath care benefits. The Railway Labor Act makes it harder for unions to call strikes. The union and UPS are going to have a meeting with the National Mediation Board and if they can’t come to a conclusion they will have a 30-day cooling off period. Once this is done that is when the union can ask for permission to strike.

General Dynamic (GD): A company called Legacy Capital Partners has reduced some of their stake in GD. In the second quarter of 2016 they reduced their stake by 4.38%. Investopedia notes that the stock looks good for consistent growth, although investors are split on GD. Year-to-year earnings from continuing operations are up 4.6% with an 8.8% year-to-year increase in diluted earnings per share.

The Maine Stock Index was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The index is currently being tracked and analyzed by Husson student Zoe Nielsen. The index tracks and analyzes 28 companies that are considered to have an effect on the Maine economy. These companies are either based in Maine or have an influence on the Maine economy through employment, number of consumers, and overall presence in the State. This price-weighted index offers a numerical break down of Maine’s economy. The analysis looks into the events of the week and finds the likely reasons the index was up or down. The index and analysis help provide a better understanding of Maine’s economy and offer an explanation of significant changes in the stock prices of the companies that comprise the Maine Stock Index.

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