

## STOCK WATCH

Listings At Close of Market Nov. 9, 2018 • Courtesy of RBC Wealth Management  
Dow Jones Closed 25,989.30 718.47 • Prime Rate 5.25% +0.00

	Close	Week's Change			
Honeywell (Allied Signal)	150.32	4.84	Danaher Corp. (Kollmorgen)	104.39	3.14
Becton Dickinson (C.R. Bard)	243.26	7.68	Merck (Hubbard Farms)	74.86	2.59
Toronto Dominion Bank (TD Bank)	55.46	-0.17	Deluxe (NEBS)	49.28	-0.70
PC Connection	31.43	0.91	Teleflex (Jaffrey)	265.88	9.75
Bank Of America (Fleet)	28.52	0.63	Timken (MPB Corp.)	40.66	0.06
Corning Inc.	33.56	0.65	People's United Financial	15.70	-0.04
Ametek, Inc. (Precitech)	74.45	1.82	Dover Corp. (Markem)	86.42	1.72

  

PRECIOUS METALS	CLOSE	WEEK'S CHANGES
Silver (\$ per ounce)	14.12	-0.64
Gold (\$ per ounce)	1,210.00	-24.80
Platinum (\$ per ounce)	856.30	-17.00

  

COMMODITIES	CLOSE	WEEK'S CHANGES
Wheat (cents per bushel)	502.25	-6.25
Corn (cents per bushel)	369.25	-1.75
Soybeans (cents per bushel)	886.00	-0.75
Cattle (cents per pound)	114.48	-2.54
Crude (\$ per barrel)	59.83	-3.08

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# Fixing The Fourteenth

President Trump is at it again, this time vowing to end birthright citizenship with a stroke of his executive pen. More power to him. The president is correct in saying that the 14th Amendment does not require universal birthright citizenship. An executive order ending it would undoubtedly face a court challenge that would wind up before the US Supreme Court.

Those who claim the 14th Amendment mandates that anyone born in the US is automatically an American citizen misinterprets the amendment in a manner inconsistent with the intent of the amendment's framers. Universal birthright citizenship attracts illegal immigration. By granting citizenship to anyone born on US soil, regardless of the legal status of the parents, we reward and encourage illegal and exploitative immigration.

Most countries do not provide birthright citizenship and we do so based not upon the requirements of federal law or the Constitution, but based on an erroneous executive interpretation. Many people believe the 14th Amendment bestows US citizenship to anyone born on US soil, even if their parents are here illegally, but such an interpretation ignores the text and legislative history of the amendment, which was ratified in 1868 to extend citizenship to freed slaves and their children.

The Amendment says that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof" are citizens. That second, critical, conditional phrase is conveniently ignored or misinterpreted by advocates of "birthright" citizenship. We don't grant citizenship to children of tourists and diplomats, and shouldn't grant it to children born here of illegal immigrants either.

Tourists and illegal immigrants are certainly subject to US laws and courts if they violate our laws, because they are subject to the territorial jurisdiction

of the US and can be prosecuted. But that does not place them within the political "jurisdiction" of the US, as that phrase was defined by the framers of the 14th Amendment. Its language was derived from the 1866 Civil Rights Act, which provided that "all persons born in the US, and not subject to any foreign power" would be considered citizens.

There is a distinct difference between partial, territorial jurisdiction which subjects all foreigners in

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the US to the jurisdiction of our laws and complete political jurisdiction, which requires allegiance to the US government as well. Thus, while a foreign tourist can be prosecuted for violating our laws, he could not be drafted into our military. Likewise, if a foreign tourist has a baby while in the US, her child is a citizen of her home country and owes no political allegiance to the US.

American Indians and their children did not become US citizens until Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. There would have been no need to pass such legislation if the 14th Amendment extended US citizenship to all people born in America, no matter the circumstances of their birth or the legal status of their parents.

We should welcome President Trump's executive order and the ensuing debate, as well as the ultimate Supreme Court decision.

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Community presentations on preliminary concepts for updating Keene's downtown zoning for the 21st century will be held on two dates. On Wednesday, November 14th, Building Better in Downtown Keene, will be held at The Hive at Hannah Grimes at 25 Roxbury Street from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, November 15th, the presentation will be held at 84 Main Street in Keene from noon to 1 p.m. (next door to Local Burger). For more details, visit [www.keenebuildingbetter.com/zoning](http://www.keenebuildingbetter.com/zoning).

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