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New Podcast Episode: Auto Strikes, Google, and a Government Shutdown

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- In “[California \(Is\) Dreaming](#),” Holtz-Eakin reviews the recent settlement between quick serve restaurants and the state of California regarding wage increases and joint liability.
- In “[The Department of Justice's Antitrust Case Against Google Search](#),” Director of Technology and Innovation Policy Jeffrey Westling outlines the arguments both the DOJ and Google will make in the antitrust case against Google's search market dominance.
- In “[The DOJ v. Google](#),” Holtz-Eakin walks through the DOJ's antitrust lawsuit against Google's search market dominance.
- In “[The Department of Justice's Antitrust Case Against Google's Ad Tech Business](#),” Westling breaks down the DOJ's antitrust case against Google regarding the company's role in the advertising technology market and both parties' major arguments.
- In “[Agencies See Plenty of Action During Short Week](#),” Director of Regulatory Policy Dan Goldbeck examines the past week's regulatory impacts and changes.
- In “[There It Goes Again](#),” Holtz-Eakin examines the rising Medicare costs and highlights the need for serious reform.
- In “[Social Security Financing: From FICA to the Trust Funds](#),” Vice President for Economic Policy Gordon Gray explains Social Security's complex financial management system, including the path from the collection of FICA payroll taxes, through a maze of government agencies, and finally to the more than 65 million beneficiaries.
- In “[Strength of the Consumer Spending](#),” Holtz-Eakin reviews the latest retail sales report.
- In “[The Fed Is Continuing to Tighten](#),” Holtz-Eakin discusses an ignored aspect of the Fed's inflation-fighting efforts: the shrinking Fed balance sheet, also known as quantitative tightening.

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