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New Podcast Episode: Congress' To-Do List, Social Security Promises, and Rate-Cut Considerations

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In this episode of the AAF Exchange, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Director of Fiscal Policy Jordan Haring discuss Congress' to-do list, the presidential candidates' Social Security promises, and the Fed's rate-cut considerations.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In "Video: Inflation Report," Holtz-Eakin reacts to the June CPI report.
- In "House Begins Work on FY 2025 Appropriations Bills," Haring walks through the House Appropriations Committee's FY 2025 interim 302(b) allocations and considers the likelihood that a continuing resolution will still be needed.

- In "The High Cost of Buying Budgetary Time," Holtz-Eakin explains why Congress cannot tax its way out of the country's fiscal problems.
- In "Inaction – The Looming Threat to Social Security Beneficiaries," Holtz-Eakin reviews the risks of allowing the Social Security trust fund to be exhausted.
- In "Promises Not To Touch Social Security Mean Big Cuts for Beneficiaries," Haring explains that the presidential candidates' promises to not touch Social Security is an implicit endorsement of a 21 percent across-the-board benefit cut for over 70 million beneficiaries when Social Security's retirement fund runs out.
- In "June Jobs – Prelude to a Rate Cut?" Holtz-Eakin considers how the June jobs report could impact the Federal Reserve's thoughts on whether to cut interest rates in September.
- In "Video: June Jobs," Holtz-Eakin reacts to the June employment report.
- In "A Sign of Job Market Cooling," Director of Competition Policy Fred Ashton walks through the latest jobs report.

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