

The PerryScope (week ending 9/16/19)

Welcome back to the weekly PerryScope! We hope you had a restful and relaxing end to the summer. As the fall House session starts back up, our goal, as always, is to track how our PA-10 member of Congress votes and hold him accountable. We also include a recap of social media and other mentions in the past week as well as coverage of Senator Casey and Senator Toomey. To read this week's full MoCTrack from the PA-01 Team, [click here](#).

MoCTrack also has regularly updated at-a-glance vote trackers for all of our legislators. Visit [here](#) to see a running tally of how our 18 House members voted, and [here](#) for our two Senators. Each sheet has links that bring you to short explainers for all votes tracked. It is updated each week with the bills covered in MoCTrack, and it is sortable by topic.

TRACKING CONGRESS in the AGE of TRUMP

Nate Silver's [FiveThirtyEight](#) keeps a running tally of how often every member of the House and Senate votes with or against the president. The higher the number, the more the legislator votes to support the Trump agenda.

Member of Congress	Career	116 th Congress	Change from last report* (career)	Change from last report* (116 th Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	29.2%	18.2%	UNCHANGED	UNCHANGED
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.2%	85.7%	UNCHANGED	UNCHANGED
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	88.5%	95.5%	UNCHANGED	UNCHANGED

*Last report: July 28, 2019

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H.R. 1146	This bill would stop oil and gas leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	Environmental	NO	09-12-19	225-193	PASS
H.R. 1420	This bill requires the purchase, and use of energy efficient and energy saving information and communication technologies and practices	Environmental	NO	09-09-19	384-23	PASS
H.R. 1786	This bill reauthorizes the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act	Environmental	NO	09-09-19	295-114	PASS
H.R. 205	This bill extends the moratorium on Coastal leasing/drilling in Florida	Environmental	NO	09-11-19	240-180	PASS
H.R. 1941	This bill extends the moratorium on Coastal leasing/drilling in other coastal waters in the Atlantic/Pacific	Environmental	NO	09-11-19	238-189	PASS

PA-10 UPDATES

Congressional race in full swing

As summer turns to fall, campaigns in both parties are shifting into high gear. The [Pennsylvania Capital-Star](#), among other local news outlets, has been giving the race a fair amount of attention, saying the race is "shaping up to be a marquee fight." See the Cap-Star's July 25 Q&A with state Auditor General Eugene DePasquale [here](#). [An earlier Q&A](#) profiled DePasquale's competition, Hershey lawyer Tom Brier who, [according to PoliticsPA](#) raised more than \$100K in Q2. Both continue to run vigorous fundraising efforts and campaign events.

Brier held his first Town Hall this week at the Camp Curtin YMCA in Harrisburg (details to come next issue). DePasquale has a Town Hall event scheduled for [Oct. 23 at Widener University in Harrisburg](#). The event is open to the public and tickets will not be required. See the York Dispatch's writeup of the event [here](#).

This week, the Cap-Star ran [a Q&A with Bobby Jeffries](#), Rep. Perry's Republican primary challenger who, according to [an August York Dispatch piece](#), says Rep. Perry isn't "Pro-Trump enough."

PA-10 race included in "Top 10 House races" list

Back on Aug. 23, WaPo's The Fix reporter Amber Phillips included PA-10's race as number 7 on her "[Top 10" list of races to watch in 2020](#)". Citing his narrow win in 2018, Phillips remarked on PA-10's "uniquely strong [Democratic] candidate" Eugene DePasquale. See Politics PA's coverage and commentary on the story [here](#).

Perry meets with conservative donors ... in Tennessee

After failing to hold a single in-person town hall with constituents over the August recess, Rep. Perry did manage to find the time to visit with constituents in another district – the wealthy Nashville suburb of Brentwood. He joined former Senator Jim DeMint along with Debbie Meadows and Polly Jordan, the wives of Perry's Freedom Caucus cronies Rep. Mark Meadows and Rep. Jim Jordan at an event hosted by Sandi Wells, a local resident who, according to [a local news report](#), holds a "political coffee group" at which she brings together "political movers and shakers around coffee, coffee cake, fruit and the issues of the day." Perry claimed that own district was "under attack" from "ultra-liberal Supreme Court redistricting" and admitted that his 2020 race will be "harder to win." A look at Perry's recent fundraising reports show that his Patriots for Perry has received more than \$17,000 in donations from Tennessee, a fact that might explain his visit.

Perry Report Card

At this juncture it may be worth reviewing Rep. Perry's overall record, as established by [GovTrack.org](#), a fully independent project that receives no outside funding. You can also review a recap of Perry's votes **the PerryScope** has compiled [here](#).

TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE

We have Twitter Action sections that cover [gun sense](#) legislation, a push to renew the [Violence Against Women Act](#), and some [tweets of the week](#).

CASEY & TOOMEY UPDATES

Our senators were fairly quiet traditional media this week, with [Senator Casey](#) discussing the conflict in Kashmir, and [Senator Toomey](#) pushing his still MIA background check bill (he talks about it a lot, but no one we can find has seen the text).

OTHER SECTIONS

This week we have a new guest piece from new contributor Andrea Wittchen of [iSpring](#), who has provided us with an explanation of the new Toomey-sponsored bill to remove [ethanol](#) from our fuel mix – it's fascinating, and the conclusions may not be what you expect. Community Corner is back, with segments on [student debt](#), [voter discrimination](#), [clean energy](#) and [veterans' affairs](#). And for our [Call to Action](#) segment, we provide four steps you should take to make sure you have everything squared away for Election Day (in time to fix any problems you might uncover).

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