

## The PerryScope (week ending 3/3/19)

Welcome to the weekly PerryScope! Our goal 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. If you'd like to read the full MoCTrack from the PA-01 Team, click [here](#).

### 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 <sup>th</sup> Congress	Change from last report (career)	Change from last report (116 <sup>th</sup> Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	31.5%	25.0%	+0.4%	+8.3%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.8%	87.5%	+0.3%	+4.2%
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	86.4%	93.3%	+0.4%	+1.6%

### HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">H.J. Res. 46</a>	Ending the fake national emergency	Administrative	NO*	02-26-19	245-182	PASS
<a href="#">S. 47</a>	Permanently reauthorizes the LWCF and makes new national parks	Environmental	NO**	02-26-19	363-62	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 8</a>	Closing the gun show loophole in background checks	Gun reform	NO	02-27-19	240-190	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 1112</a>	Extending the time for the FBI to perform background checks before auto-approval	Gun reform	NO	02-28-19	228-198	PASS

\*See story [below](#).

\*\*[Perry was the only member of the PA MoC's to vote NO on this bill.](#)

### SENATE & HOUSE VOTES of INTEREST

We saw a LOT of voting in both Houses:

1. The House took on Trump's [fake national emergency](#).
2. A magnificent bill that creates new national monuments, expands existing parks and permanently reauthorizes the [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) has now made it through both houses and awaits the President's signature.
3. The House took on two pieces of common sense gun reform – one bill to get rid of the [gun show loophole](#), and the other to eliminate the [Charleston loophole](#)
4. Mitch McConnell forced a cloture vote on an [anti-choice messaging bill](#) that was never going to pass, specifically to engage his base and enrage ours.
5. The Senate confirmed two more awful Trump nominees – one to the [courts](#) and another to head up the [EPA](#).

## PA-10 UPDATES & MEDIA COVERAGE

### **Perry responds to Trump’s “Emergency” Declaration; notably silent about impact on PA-10 military**

Not surprisingly, Rep. Perry voted NO on HR 46, along with all but 13 of his House Republican colleagues. Here’s what he had to say about it: via his [website](#):

The latest condemnation from the Democrat-controlled House is yet more political theater. H.J. Res. 46 isn’t about Executive overreach; it’s about a policy disagreement – we know that because the same Democrats that lauded President Obama’s Court-declared, unconstitutional actions on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), now decry President Trump for using his constitutional authority to secure our Country. Not upset about the Executive Action on DACA? Please recall the Clean Power Plan – which threatened our electrical grid and would have raised utility costs in Pennsylvania by 17% annually – that had no Congressional approval. Please also recall the bureaucratic gun-grab from Social Security recipients without due process? Or how about the Iran Nuclear Deal, done without the Constitutional process in the Senate for ratification and which unfroze millions in assets? These are just few examples of Democrats being wholeheartedly supportive of the “pen and a phone” strategy out of the White House. At least President Trump was designated the authority to address the problem at hand. Anyway, maybe some good can come from this: I, like many Republicans, would leap at the chance to rein in the power of the Executive Branch altogether. Hopefully, we can develop some bipartisan consensus - given the newfound concerns of my colleagues across the aisle about Article 1 Authority.

What we conspicuously haven’t heard about from Perry: the potential loss of money to military projects in Pennsylvania that would result from allowing Trump to grab Pentagon building funds for the wall. According to [a Feb. 18 Allentown Morning Call article](#), Fort Indiantown Gap currently has \$28 million in Congressionally approved military funding that could be diverted. Although located in Lebanon County, Fort Indiantown Gap’s fate affects many employees and service members who live in the neighboring 10<sup>th</sup> district. Even closer to home, [a long-planned Army National Guard Readiness Center](#) stands to lose \$9 million of funding. As [an active duty Brigadier General in the National Guard](#), Perry should have an opinion on that potential loss of funding and the consequent damage to training and readiness it represents. As of press time, however, Perry has made no public on this aspect of the issue.

### **Perry takes dig at Green New Deal, earns first-ever Dis-Honorable Mention from MoC Tracker**

Responding to a fellow House member’s Tweet explaining his weather-related absence from a House Transportation & Infrastructure hearing on climate change, Perry took a page from the current Commander in Chief’s Twitter playbook, asking [the parentheses-laden rhetorical question](#): “How will [Rep. Peter DeFazio] get to Washington once the #GreenNewDeal (he’s a sponsor) eliminates the aviation industry?” His Tweet earned him a [“Dis-Honorable Mention”](#) from Pa Together’s MoC Tracker, who said described Perry’s Tweet as “so cataclysmically stupid on so many levels that it must be read to be believed.”

When asked to clarify the cryptic message by the [Carlisle] Sentinel, Perry’s office did not respond. Perry has continually cast doubt on human’s role in climate change, and the necessity of acting to correct it. See the Sentinel’s article [here](#).

## TOOMEY & CASEY UPDATES

We start out our media coverage with a review of all the [MoC action around Trump’s fake national emergency](#), all the statements, tweets, website updates, press releases, and the big letter that 11

Pennsylvanian MoCs sent to the Acting Secretary of Defense. We have the best [Tweets of the week](#) from our Senators, as well as the best media and constituent response of the week. Our senators kept a fairly low profile in the traditional media this week, but [Senator Casey](#) did share his thoughts on raising the minimum wage, and [Senator Toomey](#) offered a statement with no commitment whatsoever about his planned response to the coming emergency vote.

## OTHER SECTIONS

In [Learning about Legislation](#) this week we take a look at privileged legislation, and why Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell MUST bring the resolution about the national emergency up for a vote. And for our [Call to Action](#) segment, we look at the Democrats' attempt to fix the Voting Rights Act after portions of it were scrapped by a 2013 Supreme Court decision.

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