

The PerryScope (for the week ending 1/12/20)

Happy New Year! Welcome to the Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report for the week ending January 12, 2020. This is our first “normal” report of the new year with Congress back in Washington for their first week of work of 2020. You can find the MoCTrack in full [here](#). Both houses were in session this week, starting Tuesday.

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 Senators Casey and Toomey. And don't forget to check out our at-a-glance vote trackers for the [House](#) and [Senate](#). 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)	28.9%	20.0%	+0.6%	+2.8%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.1%	85.7%	+0.1%	+0.5%
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	89.2%	95.2%	+0.2%	+0.2%

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE LAST WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H. Con. Res. 83	This asserts Congressional War powers, by way of a non-binding resolution to direct the president to refrain from engaging in hostilities with Iran	Foreign Affairs	NO	01-09-20	224-194	PASS
H.R. 535	This allows the resolution of PFAs, forever chemicals that contaminate waters in PA (among other places)	Environmental	NO	1-10-20	247-159	PASS

PA-10 UPDATES

Jeffries drops challenge to Perry in upcoming primary

According to a Jan. 11 press release, Hershey native Bobby Jeffries will suspend his campaign for the PA-10 Republican nomination, [The York Dispatch reported](#). Jeffries' website and social media, however, show no signs of his dropping out. Jeffries, a devotee of [convicted witness tamperer](#) and Trump ally Roger Stone, attracted unwanted attention in December [when Hershey brewpub owners barred him](#) from holding an event featuring the chair of The Proud Boys.

Perry responds to assassination of Iranian general

Our MoC was all over the air waves and ethernet in the days following the killing of General Qassem Soleimani. His official January 3 statement, from [a press release](#) on his website:

The United States will not allow Iran, or its terrorists like Soleimani, to destabilize the region and the world, and kill Americans with impunity. The decades of ignoring acts of terror, or addressing it with harsh language are over. These airstrikes were wholly appropriate. We continue to show the strength and resolve of our Nation, and the President's undeterred and relentless pursuit of combatting terrorism and keeping us safe.

Perry appeared on [Fox Business](#) as well as in [the weekly Freedom Caucus podcast](#) with host Rep. Jody Hice. Like just about every other Republican MoC, Rep. Perry towed the party line in defending the president for taking such a provocative measure, despite the dearth of evidence of any "imminent" threat to American interests in the region.

Perry also spouted off at a hearing during [House Foreign Affairs committee testimony this week](#) regarding the situation in the Middle East. In an all-too-familiar display of disrespect and disregard for career professionals, Perry smugly leered down at a panel of National Security advisors, who provided calm and considered responses to his spluttering, accusatory questions.

TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE

We have Twitter Action sections that covers the [Tweets of the Week](#) from each of our twenty Pennsylvania MoCs. In our traditional media recaps, [Senator Casey](#) focused on health care and Iran. [Senator Toomey](#) also had a lot to say Iran, but also his objections to the USMCA .

OTHER SECTIONS

We have collected the official statements of all of our PA MoCs on [Iran and the War Powers vote](#) and put them in one place so you can compare and contrast. Our Learning About Legislation section is about [Authorizations for Use of Military Force \(AUMFs\)](#) and Congressional War Powers. And our Call to Action this week is about [Puerto Rico](#), because the Department of Housing and Urban Development is illegally holding up \$18 billion in Congressionally-appropriated aid, and there are three things YOU can do about it.

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