

## The PerryScope (week ending 3/24/19)

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](#).

Congress is on recess this week, so there are no new votes to track. But for your edification (and enjoyment), we've put together a "greatest hits" of [the 33 of Perry's votes we've tracked so far](#). (Highlight: things have gone his way **only 27 percent** of the time).

## 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. With no votes this week, the score remains unchanged from last week.

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)	30.9%	20.0%	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	87.9%	80%	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	86.5%	93.8%	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE

## PA-10 UPDATES & MEDIA COVERAGE

### Perry joins Rep. Steve King in co-sponsoring "anti-Socialism" resolution

Just before the House recessed last week, Rep. Perry joined with seven of his Republican House colleagues in co-sponsoring a resolution introduced by Rep. Mo Brooks (AL-05). [In remarks on his website, Brooks stated](#): "Socialist Democrat Party leader ...Ocasio-Cortez is a card-carrying member of the Democratic Socialists of America and has introduced Green New Deal legislation that promises 'massive government intervention' and the 'economic transformation' of America." In addition to Perry, co-sponsors include Ralph Norman (SC-05), Mark Green (TN-07), Paul Gosar, (AZ-04), Alex Mooney (WV-02) Ken Calvert (CA-42) Tom McClintock (CA-04), and Steve King (IA-04). See the [March 10 MoC Tracker](#) for an explainer on AOC's proposed Green New Deal legislation.

### Perry meets with officials over lack of local contracts for \$200 million federal courthouse project

Penn Live is reporting that [Rep. Scott Perry met on Wednesday with local elected officials](#) regarding the use of local labor in the three-year project. The general contractor, Mascaro Construction, is based in Pittsburgh. Local organizers, including leaders of the Greater Harrisburg Branch of the NAACP the city's Interdenominational Ministers Conference, have been holding [weekly "Jericho Marches"](#) at the site of the proposed project, slated for construction at Sixth and Reilly streets. Perry acknowledged concerns over the exclusion of local labor, noting that roughly 12 percent of contracts still were out for bid. Calling the controversy "more of a miscommunication problem than anything," Perry noted "false rumors" he said had been spread. "What is done is done," Perry said. "They are literally moving dirt and doing foundation work now." City officials called the meeting a "first step" and expressed hope that local contractors will "have every opportunity" to bid on any outstanding contracts. The location of the proposed project falls within the new territory Perry has assumed responsibility for in the newly redrawn PA-10 district.

## TOOMEY & CASEY UPDATES

We have the best [Tweets of the week](#) from our Senators, as well as the best media and constituent response of the week. In each report we also look at a legislator outside of Pennsylvania, and this week [Bernie Sanders](#) had some feedback about the president's proposed budget that was too informative (and upsetting) to be ignored. Our senators were well represented in traditional media this week, with [Senator Casey](#) continuing in his efforts to promote a bill to help Americans address child care costs.

Meanwhile, [Senator Toomey](#) is still making the rounds of the media to explain his vote against the President's national emergency, while also sharing thoughts on supervised injection sites, the president's tweets, and the Mueller Report.

## OTHER SECTIONS

We're trying out something new this week with [Committee Corner](#), excerpts of interesting exchanges involving our MoCs in their committee hearings. In our first outing of the Committee Corner, we have [PA-08's Rep. Matt Cartwright](#) in a hearing about violence against women in indigenous communities; then [PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser](#) cheerleading for the social-safety-net-slashing Trump Budget while simultaneously slamming the Affordable Care Act in a Budget Committee hearing. In our Learning about Legislation segment we owe a big THANK YOU to David Bria, the Vice-president of Yardley Boro Council, who provided us with [the current state of anti-discrimination laws](#). David also provided our Call to Action this week, in support of [the Equality Act](#)!

**Make sure you know what is being done in your name by our legislators.  
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## HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE SO FAR (selected votes from the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress)

So far in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, we've tracked 33 of Perry's votes: 25 No and 8 yes. He's voted with the winning side nine times: eight yes votes with the Democratic majority and one no vote on [H.R. 79](#) (a measure condemning government shutdowns that failed because under suspension of the rules it required a two-thirds majority to pass). So when we do the math, Perry has gotten his way just 27 percent of the time.

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">Speaker</a>	House members chose who would be the speaker of the House. Perry was the only of the nine House Members we track to vote for Freedom Caucus crony Jim Jordan. Perry, who <u>reportedly</u> has hopes of leading the Freedom Caucus, chose his fellow caucus member Rep. Jim Jordan (despite the <u>abuse scandal</u> that has followed Jordan for the past year); all eight others voted for Kevin McCarthy.	Administrative	JJ	01-03-19	<b>Pelosi: 220 McCarthy: 192</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<a href="#">Rules</a>	This is a vote on Title I of the Rules package that will outline procedures on debate and consideration of bills in the House; see <a href="#">here</a> for a detailed description of this significant package, which addresses anti-corruption and transparency, as well as controversial "pay-as-you-go" (PAYGO) provisions	Administrative	No	01-03-19	234-197	PASS
<a href="#">H.J. Res. 1</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, and would fund the Department of Homeland Security through 02/08/19, giving time for a longer-term deal to be negotiated	Budget	No	01-03-19	239-192	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 21</a>	This is the other part of the attempt to resolve the shutdown, funding other agencies through 09/30/19	Budget	No	01-03-19	241-190	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 264</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding the Treasury and IRS	Budget	No	01-09-19	240-188	PASS
<a href="#">Title III of H. Res. 6</a>	Allowing the House to defend the Affordable Care Act in court	Administrative	No	01-09-19	235-191	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 265</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding food stamps, WIC, and the Department of Agriculture	Budget	No	01-10-19	243-183	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 267</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding Transportation and Housing and Urban Development	Budget	No	01-10-19	244-180	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 266</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding the EPA and Interior Department	Budget	No	01-11-19	240-179	PASS
<a href="#">S. 24</a>	Compensates federal employees for lost wages from the shutdown as soon as the shutdown is over	Budget	Yes	01-11-19	411-17	PASS
<a href="#">Title III of H. Res. 6</a>	Allowing the House to defend the Affordable Care Act in court	Administrative	No	01-09-19	235-191	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 41</a>	Denunciation of white nationalism, glancing rebuke of Rep. Steve King	Procedural	Yes	01-15-19	424-1*	PASS
<a href="#">H.J. Res. 27</a>	This is a bill to end the shutdown and reauthorized programs like the Violence Against Women Act	Budget	No	01-15-19	237-187	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 268</a>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding MANY departments as well and providing disaster funding	Budget	No	01-16-19	237-187	PASS
<a href="#">H.J. Res. 30</a>	This would block the Treasury department from lifting sanctions on a Russian oligarch with ties to the Trump-Russia investigation	Foreign Affairs	Yes**	01-17-19	362-53	PASS

<u>H.J. Res. 28</u>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding departments through mid-February	Budget	X (did not vote)	01-23-19	229-184	PASS
<u>H.R. 648</u>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding departments through September	Budget	No	01-23-19	234-180	PASS
<u>H.J. Res 31</u>	This is part of the effort to end the shutdown, funding Homeland Security through mid-February	Budget	No	01-24-19	231-180	PASS
<u>H.R. 676</u>	This would stop the president from withdrawing us from NATO	Foreign Affairs	No	01-22-19	357-22	PASS
<u>H.R. 328</u>	This created a white-hat hacking program to find bugs in federal systems	Technology	Yes	01-22-19	377-3	PASS
<u>H. Res. 79</u>	This resolution condemns shutdowns	Budget	No	01-30-19	249-163	FAIL (under suspension of rules)
<u>H. Res. 77</u>	This resolution encourages banks to help consumers affected by the shutdown	Budget	Yes	01-29-19	voice vote	PASS
<u>H.R. 790</u>	This would give federal employees a raise of 2.6%, that the president had previously cancelled by executive order	Budget	No	01-30-19	259-161	PASS
<u>H.R. 831</u>	Tells Secretary of Transportation to get nominations for the "Scenic Byways" grant program, which provides for improving/maintaining historically interesting or beautiful roadways.	Transportation	No	02-16-19	404-19	PASS
<u>H.R. 66</u>	Creates a Centennial Commission to honor Route 66 on its 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026.	Transportation	No	02-06-19	399-22	PASS
<u>H.J. Res. 31</u>	Funding DHS for the rest of the fiscal year and avoiding another shutdown	Budget	No	02-14-19	300-128	PASS
<u>H.J. Res. 37</u>	Advocates for removing the US military from any role in the war in Yemen	Foreign Affairs	No***	02-13-19	248-177	PASS
<u>H.R. 1065</u>	Encourages the federal government to investigate a job candidates' social media when granting security clearances	Administrative	Yes	02-11-19	377-3	PASS
<u>H.J. Res. 46</u>	Ending the fake national emergency	Administrative	No	02-26-19	245-182	PASS
<u>S. 47</u>	Permanently reauthorizes the LWCF and makes new national parks	Environmental	No****	02-26-19	363-62	PASS
<u>H.R. 8</u>	Closing the gun show loophole in background checks	Gun reform	No	02-27-19	240-190	PASS
<u>H.R. 1112</u>	Extending the time for the FBI to perform background checks before auto-approval	Gun reform	No	02-28-19	228-198	PASS
<u>H Res. 183</u>	Condemned both anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim expressions of hate and intolerance	Administrative	Yes	03-07-19	407-23	PASS
<u>H.R. 1</u>	The Democrat signature legislative package of ethics and election reform measures, including changes to campaign finance and disclosure rules	Ethics reform	No	03-08-19	234-193	PASS
<u>H. Con. Res. 24</u>	Resolution to make the results of the Mueller Report public	Administrative	YES	03-14-19	420-0	PASS

**NOTES:**

\*Rep. Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) voted no, saying the resolution "did not go far enough." King himself voted in favor of the motion.

\*\*Notable: Perry voted here with the Democratic majority, along with nearly 70 percent of his Republican House colleagues.

\*\*\*NOTE: In Voting NO, Perry maintained his staunch loyalty to Trump's claims to power as commander-in-chief. In doing so, he broke with most of his Freedom Caucus cronies, who were among the 18 Republicans joining Democrats to support the bill. Perry's unconditional support for Trump appears to be stronger than his loyalty to his Freedom Caucus mentors or any concern over constitutional separation of powers.

\*\*\***Perry was the only member of the PA MoC's to vote NO on this bill.**