

The PerryScope (week ending 5/5/19)

Welcome to the weekly PerryScope! Congress is back from their two-week-long break, and so are we! 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. To read the 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 PA House voted, and [here](#) for our two Senators. Each sheet has links that bring you to short explainers for all votes tracked. We update it 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. With no votes this week, the score remains unchanged from last week.

Member of Congress	Career	116 th Congress	Change from last report (career)	Change from last report (116 th Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	30.2%	16.7%	-0.7%	-3.3%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.2%%	83.3%	+0.3%	+3.3%
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	87.2%	95.5%	+0.1%	+0.3%

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H.R. 9	This would keep the US in the Paris Climate Accord	Environmental	NO	05-02-19	231-190	PASS
Motion to Table - H. Res. 304	This vote quashed a GOP effort to refer Michael Cohen to the AG/DoJ for criminal investigation on claims he lied to Congress	Procedural	DID NOT VOTE*	05-01-19	226-183	PASS

*Perry, [along with 22 other Republicans and five Democrats](#), chose to sit this one out. Perhaps Rep. Mark Meadows (a Freedom Caucus crony & one of the bill's co-sponsors) gave him permission to miss the vote. It's a busy time: meetings with corporate donors & lobbyists must be attended to.)

PA-10 UPDATES

Despite the extended recess, quite a lot has been happening in PA-10. See the members-only [CRI Facebook page](#) or visit www.321.indivisible.com for full coverage from the past two weeks.

Perry finally meets with area Indivisible groups

After four months of delays, Rep. Perry finally sat down with members of four PA-10 constituent groups (Capital Region Indivisible, Cumberland Valley Rising, Hershey Indivisible, and York Indivisible) in a 30-minute. Two of the participants in the April 22 meeting have so far had Letters to the Editor published in the local press. York Indivisible's Marta Peck and CRI's Susan Roller ask (rhetorically): "[Is Perry who you want looking out for your health care?](#)" and "[Is Rep. Scott Perry hiding from his constituents?](#)". Watch for a third letter to the editor to be published soon. Because Perry's staff forbade audio recording of the meeting, only a handwritten transcript exists; check the CRI Facebook page for further details.

Perry speaks at Foreign Affairs hearing on Russia

On May 1, Rep Perry spoke at the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing titled "Countering a Resurgent Russia." See the House Foreign Affairs Committee's [website](#) for full information on witnesses present at this hearing.

In Rep. Perry's remarks (starting around 1:45:40): "How can there be unity when some in positions of great leadership and authority continue to promulgate the narrative that this president is a traitor and a collaborator with Russia based on what has now been determined by the Special Counsel, millions of dollars, two years, subpoenas, interviews, et cetera, to be patently false?"

Has Perry sold out on pipeline safety?

Are our MoCs profiting from the very industries they are tasked to oversee for safety? That's the question a recent article by *Sludge* money-in-politics reporter Donald Shaw asks in a May 1 piece titled "[Reps Overseeing Pipeline Safety are Profiting from Pipeline Companies](#)". Shaw cites an exchange between Perry and Andrew Black, CEO of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines, a trade group representing the owners and operators of liquid pipelines in which Rep. Perry "appear[s] to favor an approach that relies on industry self-regulation to do the job that [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration] has shirked." Perry is quoted as asking: "Is there any reason to believe that the company itself—with the significant investment and the significant liability—doesn't have a great stake in making sure that they play safely, that they maintain correctly, and that their whereabouts are known and documented?"

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Perry files Q1 fundraising report

Rep. Perry filed [his campaign finance report](#) for the quarter ending March 31 that shows he's raised \$166,500, the VAST majority of it from the House Freedom Fund, the Club for Growth, and from corporations and corporate PACs, including Exelon and Comcast as well as a host of transportation-related donors. Click on the "itemized individual contributions" dollar amount to see the names of his big donors. Click the top of that column to sort by donation size.

TWEETS & MEDIA COVERAGE

We take a look at two extended pieces from first term Congresspeople related to [Special Counsel Mueller and Attorney General Barr](#) that exemplify how Congress is dealing with this continuing conflict/Constitutional crisis. The national GOP must have put out a mandate on [economy cheerleading](#) tweets. We have a round-up of [healthcare](#) tweets as well as [promoted legislation](#) from most of our MoCs. And, as always, we have our [assorted awesomeness](#) section, highlighting the most notable tweets of the week.

CASEY & TOOMEY UPDATES

Traditional media coverage of our Senators includes [Senator Casey](#) talked about domestic violence, abuse of patients in managed care facilities, and Trump Administration planned cuts of Medicaid. [Senator Toomey](#) defended the president and his (now withdrawn) floated pick for the Federal Reserve, but expressed his unwillingness to back the new trade deal with Mexico and Canada.

OTHER SECTIONS

Committee Corner this week is chock-full of action. We have PA MoC contributions in a hearing on [Medicare for All](#) and another on the [Equal Rights Amendment](#). A GOP lawmaker made a shocking assertion in support of [segregation](#) (yeah, really!) in a hearing on Brown vs. Board of Education's 65th anniversary.

In Our [Learning about Legislation](#) segment, we define the concept of the "motion to table." Lastly, our [Call to Action](#) this week is for a resolution supporting international press freedom.

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