

## The PerryScope (for the two weeks ending 11/03/19)

After an unannounced hiatus to focus on local municipal elections, we are back. So much has been happening at the state and national level it's been hard to keep up, but here are the high- (and low-) lights. 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 two weeks as well as coverage of Senators Casey and Toomey. To read last week's full MoCTrack from the PA-01 Team, click [here](#); to read this week's, 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 <sup>th</sup> Congress	Change from last report* (career)	Change from last report* (116 <sup>th</sup> Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	27.9	14.8	-0.3%	-0.6%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	87.9	84.6	+0.2	+0.6
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	88.4	94.2	+0.2	+0.3

\*since 10/20/19 edition

### HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">H.R. 777</a>	The bill is a reauthorization of a program to address the rape kit backlog by providing grants to states and municipalities	Justice	YES	10-23-19	402-1	PASS
<a href="#">Motion to Table H. Res. 647</a>	This is a motion to toss out a GOP attempt to censure Intelligence Chair Adam Schiff over the impeachment inquiry	Ethics	NO*	10-21-19	218-185	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2513</a>	This bill would require companies to disclose their true, beneficial owners to prevent anonymous shell companies from evading law enforcement and hiding illicit activities	Finance	NO	10-22-19	249-173	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 4617</a>	The package of election reform measures, including mandating disclosure of foreign contacts and banning foreign ads	Ethics reform	NO	10-23-19	227-181	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 660</a>	This resolution sets the rules for the next stages of the impeachment inquiry	Procedural	NO	10-31-19	231-196	PASS

<a href="#">H.R. 4695</a>	Turkey sanctions	Foreign Affairs	YES	10-29-19	403-16	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 823</a>	Land preservation in Colorado	Environmental	NO	10-31-19	222-182	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 1373</a>	Land preservation around the Grand Canyon	Environmental	NO	10-30-19	236-185	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2181</a>	Land preservation in New Mexico	Environmental	NO	10-30-19	245-174	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 296</a>	A resolution to recognize the Armenian Genocide	Foreign Affairs	YES	10-29-19	405-11	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2115</a>	A bill to track a limit the powers of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs)	Health care	YES	10-28-19	403-0	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2440</a>	This bill allows for the full utilization of a Harbor fund for maintenance	Infrastructure	NO	10-28-19	296-109	PASS

*\*This vote is a motion to table the resolution. YES votes are those who oppose the measure; NO votes are those who support it.*

### The “At Least He Showed Up” award

In the credit-where-credit-is-due department, Rep. Perry was one of only two of Pennsylvania’s Republican MoCs to turn up to vote on the Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act. The rest of the state’s GOP House members (with the usual exception of Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick [PA-01]) were attending the [President’s pro-fracking event appearance in Pittsburgh](#) and chose to take a ride on Air Force One to do photo-ops with President Trump at the Shale Insight Conference instead of showing up to do their job.

The bill is a reauthorization of a [program](#) that was initially passed in 2000. According to [MissouriNet](#), the new bill authorizes up to \$151 million in funding each year to handle the approximately [200,000 unopened, untested rape kits](#) sitting on the shelves of evidence rooms in police departments across the country. The bill came up for a vote on the floor of the House on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 under a suspension of the rules, so a ⅔ supermajority was needed to pass the measure. The final vote was 402-1, with the only NO vote coming from Independent Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan.

### PA-10 UPDATES

#### What’s in an ellipsis? Nothing much, Perry says

[Politico reported last week](#) that Rep. Perry provided “the first on-the-record acknowledgment” that portions of the phone call between President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the heart of the impeachment proceedings were left out of the transcript released by the White House. Perry, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, sat in on more than 10 hours of testimony from Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a National Security Council staffer. In [an interview with NPR’s Steve Inskeep](#), Rep. Perry stated: “Yeah. [Vindman] testified that in two occasions the ellipsis - the dot, dot, dot should have been some words. We annotated those on our copies of the call. I will tell you that some people may see them as significant. I don’t see them as significant.”

#### Additional coverage of Perry’s impeachment-related embarrassments

- Perry argues with CBS21 reporter over whether Ukraine memo is a “transcript” in post-interview footage ([@RCPress Sean via Twitter, Oct. 31](#))
- Perry bungles sports metaphor on Fox Business appearance ([via Twitter, Oct. 31](#))
- Transcripts detail Perry’s participation in GOP’s ‘scattershot strategy’ in impeachment ([WaPo, Nov. 4](#))
- Perry encourages Republicans’ outing of whistleblower ([Daily Beast, Nov. 3](#))

## **TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE (from week ending 10/27/19)**

We start off the week with a fabulous article that [contrasts our pair of senators](#) and their positions on healthcare. Our Twitter action this week focuses on [Impeachment and the GOP storming of the SCIF](#) as well as MoC comments on [healthcare](#). As with most weeks, we also have our MoCs on [legislation](#) and their [tweets of the week](#). We also have traditional media coverage for our senators. [Senator Casey](#) talked Turkey, impeachment and hazing. [Senator Toomey](#) was a booster for natural gas, and like his colleague also talked about Turkey and impeachment.

## **OTHER SECTIONS**

We have a postscript to last week's [Committee Corner](#) on drug prices. This week the House Ways and Means did a mark-up of HR 3 and a cluster of other health-care related bills, and we have quotes from a pair of MoCs. And our [Call to Action](#) this week comes courtesy of Why Courts Matter PA and their director, Kadida Kenner. She explains why the nomination of Steven Menashi is deeply problematic, and why we must call our senators!

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