

## The PerryScope (for the week ending 12/08/19)

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report for the week ending December 8, 2019. Both houses saw voting this week, with the House taking on voting rights and foreign affairs while the Senate confirmed a slew of judicial confirmations. This week's full MoCTrack Report can be found [here](#).

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 <sup>th</sup> Congress	Change from last report (career)	Change from last report (116 <sup>th</sup> Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	28.3%	17.2%	+0.6%	+2.9%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.0%	85.2%	No change	No change
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	88.7%	94.5%	+0.1%	+0.1%

### HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE LAST WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">H. Res. 546</a>	This resolution says that the House does not think Russia should come back into the G7	Foreign Affairs	NO	12-03-19	339-71	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 4</a>	Introduces new standards for determining what areas need to get preclearance to change their voting laws under the Voting Rights Act	Civil Rights	NO	12-06-19	228-187	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 326</a>	This resolution says that the House supports a two state solution for Israel/Palestine	Foreign Affairs	NO	12-06-19	226-188	PASS

### PA-10 UPDATES

#### Trump Rally Recap

All eyes were on PA-10 this week as President Trump descended on the Giant Center in Hershey for his Tuesday night rally. Sycophant extraordinaire, PA-10's Rep Scott Perry, was literally front and center at the rally, standing first in line, just to the president's right (partially obscured in [this York Daily Record photo](#) by one of Trump's teleprompters). As seen in [video posted by WGAL](#), Perry arrived with the president at Harrisburg International Airport just before 6:30 PM.

The rally itself was predictable: Trump's usual pattern of whipping his supporters into a frenzy by vilifying his opposition. The ugliest example came when [the president berated security, accusing them of being "politically correct,"](#) for not being more aggressive in dealing with a protester from the rally.

Despite numerous Secret Service relocations at the Giant Center due to security concerns, the resistance to Trump showed up and made its presence known. Although the assigned peaceful protest area was relatively removed from the Arena itself, Trump supporters, including InfoWars, as well as planned “peaceful counter-protest” by Rep. Perry’s primary opponent Bobby Jeffries, were out in full force to spew divisive rhetoric.

Several local Indivisible group websites have posted photos and video from the event. Members of private Facebook groups can access video from the [Capital Region Indivisible](#), [Indivisible York](#), and [Hershey Indivisible](#).

Local Media coverage:

- [PennLive – “Trump tells Hershey crowd ‘survival of the American nation’ at stake in 2020”](#)
- [York Daily Record “As Trump faces impeachment, see what his rally in Hershey looked like”](#)
- [Lehigh Valley Morning Call: “Trump supporters wave off impeachment at president’s rally in Hershey”](#)
- [Philadelphia Inquirer – “Trump says impeachment will backfire on Democrats as he rallies supporters in Pennsylvania”](#)

National media coverage of the event can be found here:

- [MSNBC](#) (featuring former Governor Ed Rendell)
- [Washington Post](#)
- [New York Times](#)
- [Boston Globe](#)
- [The Hill](#)
- [CBS News](#)
- [Vox](#) (“Trump’s speech in Hershey revealed a presidency off the rails”)
- And then for contrast: [FoxNews](#)

With Pennsylvania’s pivotal role in the 2020 electoral college calculations, Trump will no doubt be revisiting Central PA as the campaign continues.

### **Perry schedules, then postpones, pseudo-town hall**

The demands of toadying to the visiting head of state apparently trumped our PA-10’s duties to communicate with constituents this week as he first scheduled, then cancelled, a “tele-town hall.” The original event, scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, has been rescheduled for Dec. 17. No explanation for the postponement has been provided. To register for the rescheduled “town hall,” click [here](#).

### **Wagner bails out Trump on rally debt**

Previously, Derry township officials said they would cover the costs of security and traffic management Trump this time, but will likely charge him for future rallies. [PennLive reported](#) This became irrelevant, however, when a familiar name announced that he was going to foot the bill for the cost of Trump’s rally. Wagner told Derry Township officials that he would pay up to \$20,000 toward costs incurred as a result of the president’s Tuesday visit. Wagner stressed that money would come from his personal funds, not those of his businesses.

### **TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE**

Our Twitter action this week focuses on the Trump Administration rules changes to [SNAP](#) that will pull benefits from over a half a million people, as well as MoC comments on [healthcare](#). As with most weeks, we also have our

MoCs on [legislation](#) and their [tweets of the week](#). The traditional media coverage for our senators was a bit light this week, as the media focused most of its attention on the House and impeachment. [Senator Casey](#) talked pre-existing conditions, Medicare and the Urban Affairs Coalition. [Senator Toomey](#) expressed his support for taking SNAP away from tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians, tariffs and impeachment.

### **EDUCATION and ACTION**

There is some news that the House's bill to lower prescription drug prices will get a vote later this week, so we revisit a [Learning About Legislation on H.R. 3](#). The social media, television and radio ads against this effort are all over the place, so it is a good time to know what is in that great piece of legislation. And we have a [Call to Action](#) on that same H.R. 3, with scripting from our allies at the Pennsylvania Health Action Network. Please do call your Representative to let them know that you support the Lower Drug Prices Now Act!

**Make sure you know what is being done in your name by our legislators.  
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