

## The PerryScope (week ending 6/23/19)

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. To read this week's 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. The change reported is from our last edition (week ending 5/26/19).

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)	29.0%	12.5%	-1.2%	-4.2%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.5%	86.7%	+0.3%	+3.4%
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	87.9%	96.6%	+0.3%	+0.4%

### HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE SINCE THE RECESS

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">H.R. 6</a>	This bill restores the DACA program, creates a path to citizenship for DACA recipients, and restores protection to TPS recipients	Immigration	NO	06-04-19	237-187	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2157</a>	This appropriations bill provides disaster aid that would help victims of wildfires, floods and hurricanes, including Puerto Rico aid to help rebuild from Hurricane Maria	Budget/Taxes	NO	06-03-19	354-58	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2740</a>	Spending bill for the 2020 fiscal year, covering the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education	Budget/Taxes	NO	06-19-19	226-203	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2740, Amdt. 299</a>	Increase in funding to support youth suicide prevention	Budget/Taxes	NO	06-19-19	386-38	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2740, Amdt. 362</a>	Stops the transgender military ban	Budget/Taxes	NO	06-19-19	243-183	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2740, Amdt. 363</a>	Limits warrantless wiretapping under section 702 of FISA	Budget/Taxes	YES	06-19-19	175-253	FAIL

### PA-10 UPDATES

#### DePasquale run official, source reports

[The Pennsylvania Capital-Star reported on Tuesday](#) that, according to reports from the National Journal, Auditor General Eugene DePasquale will officially launch his bid to run for Congress in PA-10 against Rep. Scott Perry in July. While talk of DePasquale's intentions have been circulating for months, this is the first official report of a launch date for his bid.

## **Perry votes against amendments supporting youth suicide prevention, promoting high school history & civics**

In two true new lows, Rep. Perry this week voted with just 37 other House colleagues against an amendment to increase funding for the substance abuse and mental health services administration by \$6.5 million. The amendment passed 386-38. He also voted to oppose another amendment increasing funding for American History and Civics National Activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This passed 327-97. Read MoC Track's full rundown of votes on the amendments [here](#).

The House has spent the last two weeks working on the spending bill for the 2020 fiscal year. According to the [New York Times](#), the bill contains \$983 billion in budgeted spending. To give an idea of the scope of this bill, and why it took weeks to get through, there were over 240 amendments, requiring 112 roll call votes.

## **Perry defends Trump's openness to collusion**

As Democrats introduce legislation to protect our election process from outside tampering, Republicans, including Rep. Perry, seem to be making excuses for President Trump. The Foreign Influence Reporting in Elections (FIRE) act, introduced by Sen. Mark Warner, (D-VA) attempts to crack down on potential foreign influence. "This is the first time ever, that we've even had this kind of discussion about a politician, a major figure, in this case, the president himself," lamented Rep. Connolly. Meanwhile, Rep. Perry seemed to write off Trump's potentially treasonous actions as mere honesty, [saying](#): "I think any campaign if they're offered information about their opponent, they're going to be interested in taking it. The question is what do you do with it, what is the nature of the information, what is the nature of the intent of the person who's providing the information?"

## **Perry votes against remaining in Paris Climate Accord**

At the beginning of June, the House passed a bill to force the United States to stay in the Paris accord. The Democratic bill, introduced by , passed 231 to 190 in a vote largely along party lines. Not surprisingly, Rep. Perry voted in opposition. Unfortunately, the bill stands little chance of approval in the GOP-controlled Senate. According to [the Washington Post](#):  
House Democrats seized on the measure to portray Republicans as obstacles to progress on climate change — and make a case ahead of the 2020 election that Trump is undermining the nation's commitment to rein in heat-trapping pollution. The approval of the Climate Action Now Act also constitutes the first time in nearly a decade that a major piece of legislation focused on addressing climate change has passed the lower chamber. That's despite the warnings from climate scientists over that period about the perils of inaction when it comes to reducing climate-warming emissions.

Three Republicans, including PA-01's Brian Fitzpatrick, crossed over to vote with Democrats to pass the bill.

## **Perry appears on FoxNews to defend Trump's Iran stance**

Following escalating tensions between the U.S. and Iran last week, Rep. Perry appeared on "Mornings with Maria" on June 21 to "unpack" events of the past few days. Using phrases like "screws to turn" and "levers to pull" to describe options available to President Trump, Perry reinforced the administration's stance. Perry dismissed the notion of involving U.S. allies in conflict, saying that history showed that such cooperation could potentially endanger American lives when allies turned out to "not be quite the friend we hoped they'd be." He concluded, "It's really better when America drives the train." Watch the full interview [here](#).

## **TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE**

We have a [tweets about legislation](#) as well as their [tweets of the week](#).

## **CASEY & TOOMEY UPDATES**

MoC Track's traditional media coverage of [Senator Casey](#) touched on prescription costs, common sense gun reform and nursing facilities; the [Senator Toomey](#) media recap contains his thoughts on Iran and online stalking.

## **OTHER SECTIONS**

This week's [Call to Action](#) section focuses on the abuses at our borders. PA-01 partnered with folks from Tuesdays with Toomey to hold events on June 25. For more information about this week's events, visit the [PA Together website](#).

There are eight bills already pending in Congress that would address various aspects of the horrors that children, migrants, and asylum-seekers face in our nation's custody under Trump Administration policies. Click [here](#) for proposed scripts, recaps, and call targets for each of those eight bills.

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