

The PerryScope (week ending 3/31/19)

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](#).

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)	30.9%	20.0%	UNCHANGED	UNCHANGED
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	87.9%	80%	UNCHANGED	UNCHANGED
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	86.7%	94.4%	+0.2%	+0.6%

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H.J. Res. 46 veto override	The attempt to override the president's veto on the resolution to end the fake national emergency	Procedural	NO	03-26-19	248-181	FAIL*
H.R. 7	The paycheck fairness act - closes loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that limits the ability to enforce equal pay for equal work	Civil Rights	NO	03-27-19	242-187	PASS
H. Res. 124	A resolution to officially disapprove of the President's ban on transgender military service members	Civil Rights	NO	03-28-19	238-185	PASS

*(needed 2/3 to pass – see story [here](#))

PA-10 UPDATES & MEDIA COVERAGE

Perry announces Tele-Town Hall this Wednesday

In his latest attempt to appear responsive to his constituents without having to actually face them in a real town hall, Representative Perry has announced his second electronic “town hall” of the 116th Congress for 7 PM on Wednesday, April 3. Click [here](#) to sign up to “participate.” Perry will also livestream the event on his Facebook page [here](#).

To help prepare some good questions, watch Perry's weekly [update](#) (posted on Facebook) and the read up on the full MoCTrack. Issues of interest to ask Rep. Perry about:

- His no vote on a measure to ensure women get [equal pay for equal work](#)
- His failure to disapprove of the president's [transgender military service ban](#)
- His notable silence on [the Trump administration's plans to repeal and \(supposedly\) replace Obamacare](#)
- His recent comments addressed to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during his appearance at the House Foreign Affairs Committee related to Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights. Trump made this [major foreign policy announcement](#) by Tweet on March 21, a unilateral move that [drew criticism from a majority of U.N. Security Council Members](#). In his comments, Perry stated: “I speak for all of the people in the [10th] district that I am privileged to represent that are proud of this action, support it, and say thank you very much.” (A full video from C-Span is available [here](#); Perry's comments appear at about 1 hour, 3 minutes into the hearing). Perry speaks at length about this issue in his weekly [update](#).

Perry responds to Mueller Report completion

Along with many of his colleagues, Rep. Perry expressed his response to news of the Robert Mueller's submission of his report to the Department of Justice. On Twitter, he merely allowed his Freedom Caucus cronies to speak for him, retweeting a Fox News interview with Reps. Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan who spoke about the 400-page Mueller Report's findings as if they had actually read it, rather than just the four-page summary of it supplied by Trump-appointed acting attorney general William Barr. Rep. Jerry Nadler, chair of The House Judiciary Committee, demanded that Barr turn over the full report to Congress by April 2, [a deadline Barr has stated he will not meet](#). House Judiciary Committee members are, at the time of this writing, are preparing to subpoena the full, unredacted document immediately.

In his own words, Perry further attempted to explain President Trump's situation in the Weekly Update posted [on his Facebook page](#), by likening it to the medieval "swimming test," in which accused witches were thrown into a body of water to see if they sank (not a witch) or floated (a witch). Watch for yourself to see if you can make sense of this analogy.

For a synopsis of other Pennsylvania legislators' responses to the Mueller report as well as other issues of the week, see [the full MoC Track's revamped Twitter reporting section](#).

TOOMEY & CASEY UPDATES

Click [here](#) for a running tally of how our two Senators have voted on legislation so far in the 116th Congress. Each sheet has links that bring you to short explainers for all votes tracked.

Our traditional media coverage is still broken out by lawmaker. [Senator Casey](#) had a bit to say about Attorney General Barr's letter on the Mueller Report and transparency, while also continuing to promote his child care bill and a new anti-Semitism awareness bill. [Senator Toomey](#) was back to talking about limiting the president's ability to unilaterally implement tariffs, but he had some things to say about AG Barr's letter as well.

SENATE VOTES & ITEMS of INTEREST

- Mitch McConnell was his shifty self and brought the [Green New Deal](#) to the floor for a cloture vote.
- We also include a preview of a [rules change in the Senate](#) that is going to let them shove through awful Trump judicial picks faster than they are doing so now. It's horrible, and you need to know about it.

OTHER SECTIONS

[Committee Corner](#) was hopping this week, with coverage of three different hearings. Four PA Lawmakers interacted with [Secretary of State Pompeo](#), and the difference between the treatment he got from people interested in performing oversight, and those who wanted to kiss up was... stark. The House Ways and Means Committee took on the [GOP Tax Scam](#) and Philadelphia-area reps made an amazing showing. And one of our newest lawmakers took on [Acting Defense Secretary Shanahan](#) over how the president's national emergency is affecting Pennsylvania military projects, and it was a joy to behold. Lastly, our Call to Action this week is about the federal efforts to [Raise the Wage](#). It's time for us to make the minimum wage a living wage, and we have talking points to use with all of our MoCs.

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