

The PerryScope (week ending 2/10/19)

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.

Member of Congress	Career	116 th Congress	Change from last report (career)	Change from last report (116 th Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	31.5%	20%	-.03%	-5.0%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.4%	80%	-1.0%	-20.0%*
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	85.8%	90.9%	No change	No change

** On Feb. 4, Toomey supported [S. Amdt. 65 to S.1](#), disapproving the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria, a position Trump opposed. The measure disapproving the withdrawal passed 70-26; a rare occasion when both our Senators voted the same way.*

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

This week [the House passed a number of bills](#) with HUGE margins. Some of these are minor fixes to existing law, or directions to bureaucratic agencies. These bills were brought up under a process called "suspension of the rules," where extended debate is set aside, but the bill must get a super-majority of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the vote to pass. Despite being supported by nearly all Pennsylvania's House delegation, **Rep. Perry once again voted with his Freedom Caucus cronies** and opposed these two seemingly uncontroversial pieces of legislation. (You can learn more about Perry's alliance with this ultra-conservative group of GOP legislators at the Feb. 23 Town Hall – see [below](#)!)

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H.R. 831	Tells Secretary of Transportation to get nominations for the "Scenic Byways" grant program, which provides for improving/maintaining historically interesting or beautiful roadways.	Transportation	NO	02-16-19	404-19	PASS
H.R. 66	Creates a Centennial Commission to honor Route 66 on its 100 th anniversary in 2026.	Transportation	NO	02-06-19	399-22	PASS

SENATE & HOUSE VOTES of INTEREST

There was a lot of voting this week, but a good bit of it was for smaller issues:

1. The Senate voted on a foreign policy bill on the [Middle East](#) and tucked in there was a provision designed by the GOP to splinter Democrats.
2. The House passed a cluster of bills filled with administrative fixes and instructions to bureaucratic agencies. These efforts were either passed unanimously or via a suspension of the rules, requiring a 2/3 supermajority. We have [short recaps](#) of those bills.

PA-10 UPDATES & MEDIA COVERAGE

Perry responds to State of the Union address

In his reaction to last week's speech, Perry predictably defended Trump's job performance and highlighted the "booming" U.S. economy. Perry's full press release response is available [here](#) and his Facebook update, in which he elaborates, is [here](#).

Recap of Perry's tele-Town Hall

In his online forum, Perry rattled off responses to questions about border wall funding, his vote against supporting NATO, and other matters. Full audio of the hour-long broadcast is available [here](#).

One participant in the meeting, Middletown resident Don Hosssler, frustrated that his question was not acknowledged during the meeting, [turned to the PennLive Opinion page to ask his question](#) – about Perry's support for [Rep. John Larson's bill funding Social Security](#). Hosssler also remarked that it appeared that Perry was "reading responses" during the meeting and expressed a wish that Perry would host an in-person event, so he can "gauge how [his] responses are received by the general public." Read on for just such an opportunity, should Rep. Perry choose to participate.

CRI and HRI join forces & invite Perry to in-person Town Hall

Our own Capitol Region Indivisible has joined forces with our sibling group, Hershey Indivisible, to hold a Town Hall scheduled for Saturday, February 23 from 10 AM-12 PM at the [Hershey Public Library](#). In the all-too-likely event Perry does not respond or declines to attend, four local experts have been scheduled to speak on issues of interest to PA10 residents, including George Scott speaking about Perry's positions on veteran's affairs, Spero Lappas on Perry's support of the Freedom Caucus, Jan Jarrett on Perry's record on the environment & climate change, and Dr. William Danielson on Perry's positions on healthcare. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited! Sign up to attend [here](#).

TOOMEY & CASEY UPDATES

Click [here](#) for running tally of how our Senators have voted. We've also updated that Senate page to be a touch more useful, with committee and contact information for both Bob Casey and Pat Toomey.

We have the best [Tweets of the week](#) from our Senators, as well as a selection of offerings from lawmakers, journalists and our constituent response of the week. Our traditional media coverage of [Senator Casey](#) includes his thoughts on school infrastructure revitalization and some retirement benefit changes he is promoting. [Senator Toomey](#) continues to push his effort to limit a president's ability to unilaterally impose tariffs, and he shared his thoughts on abortion and cannabis legalization.

OTHER SECTIONS

We have a full rundown of all the [SOTU guests](#) that our Pennsylvania congressional delegation brought with them to the big speech. While some chose to bring friends or family, most of our MoCs were making a political statement with their selection of guest. Our [Call to Action](#) this week involves a powerful trio of principles, all wrapped up in one bill – support of human rights and press freedoms, curbing unilateral presidential power in war-making, and the Congress reasserting itself as a co-equal branch of government. Be sure to call both Senators about S. 398!

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