

## The PerryScope (week ending 7/21/19)

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 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)	28.7%	11.8%	unchanged	unchanged
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	88.7%	87.5%	unchanged	unchanged
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	88.8%	97.4%	+0.1%	unchanged

### HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE THIS WEEK

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
<a href="#">H. Res. 489</a>	Condemning President Trump for his racist comments directed at 4 MoCs	Ethics	NO	07-16-19	240-187	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 498 (motion to table)</a>	Setting aside article of impeachment brought up against President Trump ( <b>NOTE: A no vote means an MoC wants impeachment to move forward</b> )	Ethics	YES	07-17-19	332-95	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 582</a>	Raising the minimum Wage (including tipped workers) to \$15 across 6 years	Labor	NO	07-18-19	231-199	PASS
<a href="#">H. Res. 497</a>	Putting two Trump Administration officials, AG Barr and Commerce Secretary Ross in contempt of Congress	Ethics	NO	07-17-19	230-198	PASS
<a href="#">H. R. 2037</a>	A bill that would impose sanctions upon the people who ordered or were a part of the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi	Foreign Affairs	YES	07-15-19	405-7	PASS
<a href="#">S. J. Res. 36</a>	A vote to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates	Foreign Affairs	NO	07-17-19	238-190	PASS
<a href="#">S. J. Res. 37</a>	A vote to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates	Foreign Affairs	NO	07-17-19	238-190	PASS
<a href="#">S. J. Res. 38</a>	A vote to block arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates	Foreign Affairs	NO	07-17-19	237-190	PASS

### **Perry further defends Trump and his racist comments**

Perry followed his earlier [Tweet](#) deflecting blame from Trump with two House votes this week. Four Republicans (including PA-01's Brian Fitzpatrick) and one Independent (Justin Amash) joined 235 House Democrats to support the simple resolution, introduced by Rep. Tom Malinowski (NJ -07). Rep. Perry and the majority of his GOP colleagues could not see their way through to agreeing with text that, among other statements, resolved that "immigrants and their descendants have made America stronger, and that those who take the oath of citizenship are every bit as American as those whose families have lived in the United States for many generations." Perhaps someone fortunate enough to obtain a ticket to next week's Town Hall (see below) can ask Rep. Perry how he feels about the 43 immigrants from 29 countries [who took the oath of citizenship in Cumberland county](#) last month.

### **Perry Opposes the Fight for 15**

Not surprisingly, Rep. Perry voted against a proposal to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 over the course of six years. Perry followed up with [a Tweet](#) elaborating on his vote: "I was grateful for my first job & used it as an opportunity and stepping stone to learn / earn more. A higher minimum wage would've prevented me from entering the workforce, and discouraged my former employers from taking the chance on me." Another good question for Rep. Perry at next week's Town Hall (see below) might be why he continues to vote against raising the minimum wage when [55 percent of Americans support the idea](#) and a majority of Pennsylvanians [support raising it to at least \\$12 per hour](#).

### **PA-10 UPDATES**

#### **Perry's first in-person town hall in 850+ days reaches capacity in minutes**

In an email to his mailing list that went out on Wednesday, [Rep. Perry announced](#) that he would be holding a town hall at the Hummelstown Fire Department on Tuesday, July 30 from 6 to 7:30 PM. The event filled to capacity within minutes of announcing the event. PA-10 constituents without a ticket are encouraged to join the waitlist for the town hall [here](#) to highlight the event's intentionally exclusionary nature.

A number of Indivisible groups in PA-10 are organizing a protest outside the venue (249 East Main Street, Hummelstown PA 17036). Arrive by 5 PM. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sign with a question or concern for Rep. Perry that includes your town and 9-digit ZIP code on the sign. Watch the CRI website/Facebook group page for more details about car pooling to the event.

Despite Perry's staff's claims that he has held "over 20 in-person town halls" (a figure CRI members are attempting to confirm), [other sources](#) report that it's been more than 858 days since Perry has held an in-person town hall.

#### **Perry has a challenger for Republican nomination for 2020**

A young PA-10 Republican has stepped forward to challenge Rep. Perry in 2020. [According to WITF's Rachel McDevitt](#), Central PA resident Bobby Jeffries, 28, has announced his candidacy. Jeffries was quoted as saying that he wanted to show millennials that "there are alternatives to being radically progressive." Jeffries' [Instagram account](#) prominently features photos with him and former Trump adviser Roger Stone, who is currently awaiting prosecution for an indictment handed down as a part of the Mueller investigation.

### **TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE**

We start off the week with a rundown of [all of our MoC responses](#) to the fracas caused by President Trump's racist tweets, and his basking in the glow of horrifying chanting at one of his rallies. Our Twitter action this week focuses on two topics related to votes taken – on the [Fight for 15](#) and the contempt and [impeachment activity](#).

### **CASEY & TOOMEY UPDATES**

In our traditional media coverage for our senators, [Senator Casey](#) talked about his visit to a detention center, education, and robo-caller scams. [Senator Toomey](#) ranted about sanctuary cities, fretted about keeping the federal reserve out of private sector business, and hedged on digital currency innovation.

## OTHER SECTIONS

[Learning about Legislation](#) is back this week! With all of the different types of bills that came up for votes in the last few days, it seemed like the perfect time to provide a primer on the difference between bills and various types of resolution. Anyone who has ever gone looking for an “H.Res.” but found themselves stuck with an “H.R.” will attest to the importance of knowing this difference! Lastly, our [Call to Action](#) this week is an update on two bills moving through Congress to deal with the conditions in which we are keeping children and detainees. We have new information and updated scripts for calls. P.S. Three more PA MoCs joined these efforts as co-sponsors, so give yourself a BIG PAT ON THE BACK for pushing them in the right direction!

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