

## The PerryScope (for the week ending 2/16/20)

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report for the week ending February 16, 2020. Both houses were busy with a fully loaded docket before their scheduled home work week. You can find the full version of this week's report [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)	28.8%	20.6%	-0.3%	-0.6%
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	87.6%	84.4%	+0.1%	+0.5%
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	89.5%	95.5%	+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.J.Res. 79</a>	This extends the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment	Civil Rights	NO	02-13-20	232-183	PASS
<a href="#">H.R. 2546</a>	This is a bill that will protect over 1.3 million acres as wilderness	Environmental	NO	02-12-20	231-183	PASS

### PA-10 UPDATES

#### PA-10 candidate forum March 1

Mark your calendar! CRSU has invited all three candidates on the ballot for the 10<sup>th</sup> district to a forum at the Camp Hill Borough Building (2145 Walnut Street) from 3 to 5 PM. So far, Tom Brier and Eugene DePasquale have both confirmed their attendance. So far, no response from Rep. Scott Perry. If you are interested in contacting Rep. Perry's Cumberland County office and asking if he plans to attend, please do so at 717-635-9504.

#### Perry votes to block ratification of Equal Rights Amendment

In a near party-line votes that surprised no one, our MoC voted to block an initiative that a majority of Americans overwhelmingly support: ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Ninety-four percent of Americans support the ERA, [according to 2016 polling](#). The amendment, first proposed in 1923, languished after facing decades of opposition from entrenched conservative male leadership, and ultimately failed to meet the original 1982 deadline for ratification. However the measure was resurrected [last month as Virginia became the much-anticipated 38<sup>th</sup> state](#)

[to ratify it](#), giving it the required 75% margin of support. Opponents of the measure, including Perry and 181 of his GOP colleagues, voted to deny an extension to ratify the bill. Five Republicans, including PA-01's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, voted with Democrats to support. The measure now moves on to the Republican-controlled Senate where, [along with the more than 300 other pieces of legislation passed by the House in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress](#), it faces an uphill battle to get off Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's desk.

### TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE

We have Twitter Action sections with our MoCs' feedback on the release of the [Trump Budget](#), the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the [Parkland school shooting, promoted legislation](#), and the [tweets of the week](#) – which features both the best and the worst from PA's lawmakers. We have quotes from [Senator Casey](#) in the traditional media, on topics like home health care workers, the Trump budget, the political interference in the judiciary and a new policy package he introduced. [Senator Toomey](#)'s traditional media presence this week include a new tax cut he has proposed, sanctuary cities, tariff relief and his take on the Trump budget.

### OTHER SECTIONS

Both of our senators issued [statements after the Iran resolution vote](#), and we have them in one place for you. Our bog project for the week is a detailed recap of Senator Casey's [Five Freedoms for America's Children](#) policy proposal. Senator Casey's original document is LONG.... So we cut it down a bit for easier consumption, but still give you the background for this plan, and the research and policy suggestions that go into ensuring each of the five freedoms. And we close with what you can do to support this initiative if you support it (we think you will – it's great).

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