

The PerryScope (for the two weeks ending 3/8/20)

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report for the two weeks ending March 8, 2020. CRSU is proud to produce the first official PerryScope from under the [Pennsylvania Stands Up](#) umbrella. Formed through a merger of more than a dozen progressive organizations across the state, PA Stands Up hits the ground in 2020 with nine chapters throughout the Commonwealth, including CRSU. Read more about Pennsylvania Stands Up [here](#).

The at-a-glance vote trackers for the [House](#) and [Senate](#). Each sheet include 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 th Congress	Change from last report (career)	Change from last report (116 th Congress)
Senator Bob Casey (D)	28.8%	20.6%	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
Senator Pat Toomey (R)	87.6%	84.4%	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE
Rep. Scott Perry (R)	89.6%	95.6%	+0.1%	+0.1%

HOW PERRY VOTED in the HOUSE the LAST TWO WEEKS

Link to Bill Details	Explainer	Topic	Perry Vote	Date	Vote Count	Result
H.R. 1140	This bill would integrate the employees of the TSA into the mainstream of federal government workers.	Labor	NO	03-05-20	230-171	PASS
H.R. 6074	This bill provides \$8.3 billion in coronavirus preparedness funding	Health care	YES	03-04-20	415-2	PASS
H.R. 2339	This is a bill that would ban all flavored tobacco products	Health care	NO	02-28-20	213-195	PASS
H.R. 35	This is a bill designed to classify lynching as a hate crime under our federal laws	Civil Rights	YES	02-26-20	410-4	PASS

PA-10 UPDATES

Perry speaks at Hershey Coronavirus info meeting despite "self-monitoring" for CPAC exposure

On Monday, March 9, Rep. Perry attended a briefing of more than 150 local officials at Hershey Medical Center, [according to a press release](#). "Protecting the health and safety of our community is my top priority," Perry told the gathering. What he didn't share, [according to PennLive](#), was that he was "self-monitoring," after possible [exposure to the virus at last week's CPAC conference](#). Four other Republican legislators attending the event who had direct contact with the individual who tested positive for the virus [are self-quarantining](#).

Big money coming to PA-10: Koch-funded PAC endorses Perry, launches PA-10 campaign

According to [a March 4 YorkDispatch article](#), Americans for Prosperity, the think tank linked to the [the billionaire Koch dynasty](#), has stepped into the PA-10 race and will "launch a campaign on [Perry's] behalf." Tim Phillips, a senior advisor to AFP action. The PAC rolled out its efforts at an event last week at their PA headquarters (1039 Mumma Road, Wormleysburg, PA 17043) with a door-knocking canvassing campaign following the event.

Perry votes against “Protecting American Lungs” bill as teen vaping rate soars

With the youth vaping epidemic showing no signs of waning, our MoC voted along nearly party lines to oppose a bill intended to ban flavored tobacco products (including mint and menthol) and mandate the FDA regulation of vaping products and devices the same way it regulates other tobacco products. The bill is supported by more than 75 public health, medical, education, parent, and civil rights organizations. Perry’s vote comes just two weeks after [the state received a failing grade in the American Lung Association’s recent report card on combatting smoking and nicotine addiction](#).

According to the American Lung Association, e-cigarette use among high school students rose from 11.7 percent in 2017 to 27.1 percent in 2019, a 135 percent increase

Perry skips out on PA-10 Congressional candidates’ forum

Capital Region Stands Up (CRSU) facilitated a well-attended forum for two of the three candidates on the ballot for PA-10. Both Auditor General Eugene DePasquale and his primary opponent Tom Brier participated in the forum, moderated by Joyce Davis, Opinions Page Editor for PennLive. Although invited, Rep. Perry never bothered to reply to the invitation and ultimately (unsurprisingly) did not participate in the forum. If you missed the forum in person, you can watch PCN’s broadcast of the event [here](#). Further local coverage:

- [PennLive](#)
- [Fox43](#)
- [CBS21](#)

PA-10 Climate Forum

The York chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby will host a candidate forum focusing on climate change from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 30, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York. Candidates are expected to discuss their views on climate change and what they believe are the best strategies to address it, [according to the York Dispatch](#). Despite York’s relative proximity to Washington, D.C. (91 miles) to the event, Rep. Perry will unlikely be able to attend, according to campaign spokesman Brian Nutt.

TWEETS and MEDIA COVERAGE

We have quite a bit of Twitter coverage this week including segments on [coronavirus](#) and [the social safety net](#), as well as our MoCs’ comments about [promoted legislation](#) and [Tweets of the Week](#).

This week [Senator Casey](#) spoke about his Five Freedoms for America’s Children plan as well as coronavirus, and the fracas over Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer’s comments about Supreme Court Justices. [Senator Toomey](#) was fairly quiet this week, with comments on coronavirus and fracking.

OTHER SECTIONS

This week we take a look at what Pennsylvanians can do to help retake the Senate for Democrats, even though we don’t have an election of our own this year. Learn more about [Indivisible’s Payback Project](#) in this week’s Call to Action.

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