

Week ending 05/14/2017 - PA-08 MoCTrack Report

Tracking Congress in the Age of Trump - 05/14/17

The lower the number, the more the legislator is in opposition to the Trump agenda.

Senator Bob Casey - **29.3%** (+1.1% from last week)

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick - **75.9%** (no change from last week)

Senator Pat Toomey - **97.5%** (+0.1% from last week)

MoC Twitter Action

Senator Bob Casey hot topics:

- 1) The Comey firing and Russian election interference scandal - the Senator promoted his CNN appearance, where he referred to the Comey firing as "Nixonian". He followed this with a tweetstorm where he linked to 10 different articles and highlighted particular quotes from the writings, painting a picture of how FBI director Comey's firing seems to be connected to his Congressional testimony and request for more funding/agents to pursue the investigation into the 2016 Trump campaign and its possible Russian entanglements.(25 tweets)
- 2) The AHCA - He continues to provide example of the many ways the AHCA will hurt Pennsylvanians, especially focusing on the Medicaid cuts.(14 tweets)
- 3) Pregnant Workers Fairness Act - he retweeted a thank you from an interested organization and added his comments about making a more inclusive workplace.(2 tweets)

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick hot topics:

- 1) Teacher's Appreciation week - The Representative visited several schools and issued statements in support of educators.(3 tweets)
- 2) Pending legislation - while each of these items were tweeted about once, the Representative continues to promote his anti-gerrymandering resolution, as well as his water safety and homeland security legislation.(3 tweets)
- 3) Opioid Addiction - he met with EMTs and Pharmacist to discuss how the opioid epidemic are affecting them.(2 tweets)

Senator Pat Toomey hot topics:

- 1) Law Enforcement - the Senator introduced a suite of legislation about law enforcement issues, including "enhanced" penalties for convicted murderers who targeted members of law enforcement. He tweeted about these bills, as well as an image of a letter from the Fraternal Order of Police in support of his bills. (2 tweets)
- 2) The Comey firing - he tweeted a link to his statement about the firing, which followed the original White House line about Comey having lost support of the public, but noted any new FBI director should continue investigations into topics like the 2016 election. (1 tweet)
- 3) all other tweets were made about local interest (thank yous, visits, etc.) topics

Votes of Interest/Legislation of Interest

There were no votes taken or bills introduced that would directly affect the Trump agenda, from my perspective. I took this opportunity to assess my current congressional monitoring process.

I use the www.govtrack.org website to review and follow legislation. I have tags on our 3 MoCs, so that I am alerted on any votes that they have taken. I also have tags on all of the Committees that our 3 MoCs work in - the House Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security and Small Business committees; and the Senate Finance, HELP (Health, Education, Labor and Pensions), Agriculture and Forestry, Aging, Banking Housing and Urban Affairs, and Budget committees. Lastly, I have a 'docket' that provides one-click access to the status of some 80 bills that I have noted as items of interest (many discussed in earlier editions of this report).

The flaw with this set-up is that I cannot see every bill that is introduced. The volume is simply beyond

my ability to monitor. But there are some other committees that might merit additional scrutiny, where bills are more likely to be introduced that directly affect our anti-Trump agenda. To that end, I have added four more congressional committees to my list. I will now monitor the legislation that is introduced in:

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The House Committee on Ethics

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

The Senate Committee on Ethics

Hopefully this will afford me the ability to find more legislation meriting our attention.

As for possible Action Alerts for this week, I am guessing we want to stick with the Russian election interference/ firing of FBI director Comey scandal. While the President was within his legal rights to fire Mr. Comey, we need to focus on the appearance of impropriety, the White House disarray and contradictions in providing their rationale, and the implied obstruction of justice from the mouth of the President in his interview with Lester Holt.