

## Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report - 02/03/19

This is a 100% volunteer effort brought to you by a handful of progressive Democrats and Independents who share a vision of an electorate that knows exactly what their elected officials are doing on their behalf, and who bring that knowledge with them to the polls each year. We want to offer a big thank you to the Pennsylvania Together and Pennsylvania Statewide Indivisible organizations who host our report and help us share it out to the residents of our Commonwealth!

### Tracking Congress in the Age of Trump

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

Member of Congress	This week's score	Change from last report
<a href="#">Senator Bob Casey (D)</a>	31.8%	0.0%
<a href="#">Senator Pat Toomey (R)</a>	89.4%	0.0%
<a href="#">PA-01 Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R)</a>	75.0%	0.0%

Nate Silver's [FiveThirtyEight website](#) assesses the voting records of our MoCs to provide this index, by noting any bills where President Trump has stated a position, and comparing the vote of the legislator to that opinion. There were no scored votes this week. This is more a reflection of the President's disinterest in the bills on the floor than any lack of action (or partisanship) in the Congress this week.

Want to see exactly what votes went into giving your MoC the numbers above? Click on the name of any legislator and you will be brought to their 538 webpage, where all of the positions that went into the index are listed in an easy-to-read format.

### Words From Our Founders

"Without a select and stable member of the government, the esteem of foreign powers will not only be forfeited by an unenlightened and variable policy...but the national councils will not possess that sensibility to the opinion of the world, which is perhaps not less necessary in order to merit, than it is to obtain, its respect and confidence."

— Alexander Hamilton or James Madison, [Federalist 63](#) (the authorship is still debated by scholars)

### Votes of Interest -

#### The House passes a federal employee pay raise

##### [House vote on H.R. 790](#)

In January President Trump issued an executive order to freeze planned 2.1% pay raises to federal workers. To explain this move, President Trump [wrote](#), "we must maintain efforts to put our Nation on a fiscally sustainable course, and Federal agency budgets cannot sustain such increases." In response to this, Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-Va.) proposed this bill (the Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act of 2019) to legislate an increase of 2.6% for the same workers who had their raise rescinded by the President during the shutdown.

Debate on the bill was spirited. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* [observed](#), "Republicans questioned the pay increase with two arguments – first, that in times of large deficits, no pay hike is needed – and second, that more efforts at merit pay for high-achieving workers is necessary." The sponsor of the bill responded to those points with a simple explanation for the bill in floor debate, [saying](#) "We are simply trying, after the worst shutdown in American history, to say to our own employees, 2.1 million: 'You are valued. You are respected.'" Please note that our MoCs are NOT included in this planned raise. Their pay has been the same since 2009.

The bill was nearly sent back to committee via a pretextual "[motion to reconsider](#)" vote, but it proceeded to a final vote on January 30, 2019, and passed, 259-161. Twenty-nine Republicans joined a unified Democratic bloc to pass the bill. **Fitzpatrick voted YES.**

### **The House fails to condemn shutdowns**

#### [House vote on H. Res. 79](#)

On January 30, 2019, while the House was under a suspension of the rules (meaning that any bill would need  $\frac{2}{3}$  support to pass), a resolution was brought to the floor to condemn government shutdowns. It was introduced by the newly elected Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-Va.). When bills are introduced in this manner (under suspension of the rules) it generally means that they are uncontroversial, and there is an understanding that they will likely pass. The bill includes the following [text](#):

...the shutdown of the Government of the United States, or any portion thereof, causes substantial damage to Federal employees, to every American who benefits directly or indirectly from Federal services, to our Nation's economy, and to the reputation of the United States around the world; shutting down the Government of the United States, or any portion thereof, is not an acceptable tactic or strategy for resolving differences regarding policy, funding levels, or governing philosophy; and in the future the Congress must ensure the continued, uninterrupted operations of the Government of the United States and its services as well as its duty to protect and promote the security of the American people.

According to [Rep. Wexton](#), the resolution originally included a sentence that referred to the president accepting blame for the shutdown, but "...members of the Freedom Caucus basically tried to shut down the House of Representatives because they objected to a sentence in the resolution...So the offending clause has been removed from this resolution and should not be a problem anymore."

Unfortunately, despite that conciliatory measure, the Freedom Caucus was not appeased. Rep. Mark Meadows took to the floor and railed against the measure, [saying](#) "This is about a political stunt. This is literally a political messaging point meant to garner, hopefully, the support for some Member of Congress who has a swing district, so that they can send a message and take it." After that, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy [joined in](#) to call the resolution a "glorified press release." And with that, the voting fell mostly to party lines. The final vote was 249-163, well short of the  $\frac{2}{3}$  needed to pass. It only achieved the support of 21 GOP lawmakers including **Fitzpatrick, who voted YES.**

### **Congress encourages banks to help consumers impacted by the Shutdown**

#### [House vote on H. Res. 77](#)

This is a resolution that was brought to the floor on January 29, 2019. It was introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) and portions of her excellent [floor speech](#) do the best possible job of explaining the intent behind the resolution:

President Trump's historic 35-day shutdown of the Federal Government has had a deeply harmful impact on millions of Americans and the U.S. economy.

While this shutdown recently came to an end, we must not forget the recovery has just begun for a wide range of affected consumers, including Federal employees, contractors, small businesses, and other individuals. Many of those people will not receive back pay. Many of them have various financial obligations, like a mortgage, or a student loan payment that they may have missed. However, they did not cause the shutdown and should not suffer any negative consequences from it.

Financial institutions and other entities, like landlords and consumer reporting agencies, can play a key role in helping these innocent people. Given the financial hardship and emotional distress these consumers face, through no fault of their own, I introduced H. Res. 77 to send a strong message to the financial industry that they should do what they can to help these innocent consumers.

After word of this resolution was released by Rep. Waters, ACA International (an association of credit and collection professionals) [responded](#) by "...thanking House Financial Services Committee leadership for the recognition that problematic consequences can result from not addressing unpaid debt."

While there was a certain amount of drama related to terms of debate and a motion to table (see [roll call results here](#) - Pennsylvania split along party lines), the resolution eventually passed via a voice vote, with unanimous support, thus **Fitzpatrick voted YES**.

### **The Senate has thoughts about the President's Syria withdrawal plans**

[Senate Cloture vote on McConnell's Amendment #65 to S. 1](#)

On January 31, 2019, the Senate voted to add an amendment to the upcoming bill on Middle East policy that is what the [New York Times](#) refers to as a "rebuke" to President Trump. The amendment reads "...that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security." This amendment is a clear response to President Trump's decision to abruptly and quickly withdraw from Syria, announced in a [tweet](#) from mid-December that read, "Getting out of Syria was no surprise. I've been campaigning on it for years, and six months ago, when I very publicly wanted to do it, I agreed to stay longer. Russia, Iran, Syria & others are the local enemy of ISIS. We were doing there [sic] work. Time to come home & rebuild. #MAGA"

The amendment passed in a vote of 68-23, and will thus be added to the final version of S.1. The Senate [schedule](#) shows that debate on the full bill will resume on Monday, February 4, 2019. The vote breakdown for this amendment was not strictly on party lines. Three Republicans voted against the amendment (John Kennedy of Louisiana, Ted Cruz of Texas and Mike Lee of Utah). Democrats were split nearly down the middle, with 24 voting for the amendment and 19 voting against it. Most of the announced and assumed 2020 Democratic presidential candidates (Booker, Gillibrand, Harris, Klobuchar, Sanders, Warren) voted against the amendment. In a rare moment of agreement, **Casey voted YES** and **Toomey voted YES**.

### **MoC Twitter Action**

**Senator Bob Casey hot topics:** The senator offered a series of threaded tweets on a variety of topics this week, returning to his 2017 form (full of sass and criticism). He started the week with a volley on the GOP's tax plan, and how little it did for the economy, sharing a number of articles in support, closing with a tweet pointing to the GOP effort to blame the deficit increases not on their tax cuts to the wealthy, but to problems with the social safety net. He then moved on to flames for the EPA's decision to not regulate PFAS chemicals polluting Pennsylvania's water (especially in Bucks and Montgomery counties). He decried the idea floated by the GOP to tie the debt limit to border security funding. By mid-week, the senator offered threads on pay fairness (with some excellent memes) and the importance of accepting the assessment of our intelligence community. And by the end of the week he offered another set of tweets on Black History Month and the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from a nuclear weapons treaty with Russia.

**Casey tweets of the week, 02/01/19:** "The Trump Administration's decision to withdraw from the INF Treaty demonstrates their continuing retreat from United States global moral leadership. Failing to come to a resolution with Russia for their violations makes us less safe. The U.S. should remain party to the treaty and work with the Russians toward a mutually beneficial agreement within the parameters of the treaty. The President should affirm and rely upon the diplomatic arm of the United States' national security apparatus. Negotiation takes hard work and tough decisions; walking away is not the answer. Unbound by the restrictions imposed by the treaty, Russia will be free to build as many intermediate-range missiles they want, putting our European and NATO allies at direct risk of further Russian aggression. This decision threatens the broader system of nonproliferation treaties the United States has spent decades building. I urge the State Department to actively pursue negotiations with Russian counterparts to secure commitments before the treaty formally expires in six months. Also, I urge State Department and

administration officials to immediately brief members of Congress on the national security implications of pulling out of the treaty, and how they plan to preserve and protect remaining global nonproliferation equities moving forward.”

— shared with a link to a [New York Times](#) article titled “[U.S. Suspends Nuclear Arms Control Treaty With Russia](#)”

**Representative Brian Fitzpatrick hot topics:** The representative’s Twitter content this week was almost entirely retweets. He shared a *Washington Journal* link to a C-SPAN clip of a video appearance he made on clean drinking water. He retweeted a thank you from the account Autism Votes, and then a *Doylestown Intelligencer* article about nominations for military academies. The only original content the representative expressed was cheerleading for the jobs report numbers.

**Fitzpatrick tweet of the week, 02/01/19:** “January marks the 100th consecutive month of gains for the U.S. economy. If this jobs report tells us anything, it’s that opportunities are plentiful for American workers!”

— shared with a link to a [USA Today](#) article titled “[Employers add booming 304,000 jobs in January, marking 100th straight month of employment gains](#)”

**Senator Pat Toomey hot topics:** Most of the senator’s content this week was to promote legislation. He shared materials to support his effort to get congressional approval for national security tariffs. He then shared an article (quoted below in his “in the news segment”) from *Allentown’s WFMZ* on his efforts to with Sen. Van Hollen (D-Conn.) to get the Trump Administration to provide the Senate with their strategy in Syria. The senator wrapped the week with a bit of [Groundhog Day silliness](#) and some superbowl related content.

**Toomey tweets of the week, 01/30/19:** “Tariffs are taxes. The bogus pretext of ‘national security’ for taxing imported steel & aluminum was a misuse of authority that ended up hurting American consumers and workers.”

— part of a [longer thread](#) on limiting a president’s ability to deploy tariffs without congressional approval

#### Honorable mention, lawmaker

From @AOC, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) on 02/03/19:

“People are using GoFundMe to beg for insulin while this is happening in the same time and place. ☐ It’s no wonder logical, compassionate ideas are called “radical” when the present is dystopian. We’re living in the upside-down, asking for the rightside-up.”

— shared with a link to a [Bloomberg tweet](#) that reads “Yacht owners with priceless art need to beware of flying champagne corks”

#### Honorable mention, media

From @Alexi, Alexi McCammond, reporter at Axios on 02/03/19:

“SCOOP: A White House source has leaked Trump’s private schedules to me for nearly every day for the last few months. POTUS has spent 60% of his working days in “Executive Time,” and more on what the skeds tell us on @axios”

— shared with a [link](#) to her article about President Trump’s schedule

#### Honorable mention, constituent response

From @DBrumbach on 01/30/19:

“Good start. Now reconsider your vote to relieve sanctions on Russia. Do you really want to be hero on Russian media? Because you are. Please represent the citizens of the commonwealth and not Russia.”

— in response to Sen. Toomey’s [tweet](#) about tariffs

## Casey in the News

Courtesy of contributor Kathy Sites

"[The Mueller Report] has to be public... There is no way you can conduct an investigation of this scope and severity and keep it bottled up."

— shared via the [CNN Newsroom](#) on Twitter along with a video clip of the Senator making this statement, and a link to an article titled "[Barr says he hasn't spoken to White House about executive privilege on Mueller report](#)" (but the article doesn't contain the Casey quote)

"There's no question it's possible they won't come to a consensus. It's also possible they'll come to a consensus and (Trump) rejects it for whatever reason. The president could take that worry off the table right now by not talking about a shutdown."

— the senator's comments on current budget negotiations from a [York Dispatch](#) article titled "[York County, congressmen look toward another possible shutdown in two weeks](#)"

"I hope it would put a nomination like his in jeopardy. I wish the White House would make this a priority and explain to the people of Bucks and Montgomery counties and a lot of other communities why they won't use the authority they have under law to set a national standard. These communities are going to remember this, not only in 2019 but also in 2020."

— the senator addresses the nomination of Andrew Wheeler to the EPA, form an article in [Think Progress](#) titled "[EPA failing to limit harmful chemicals in drinking water would be 'unacceptable,' GOP lawmaker says](#)"

"President Trump shut down the government to force the construction of a wall that security experts say won't work. A concrete or steel wall is not border security."

— from the [Allentown Morning Call](#) article titled "[On border security and the wall, here's what Pennsylvania's members of Congress support — and don't](#)"

"The leading argument against us was immigration. I think we learned some things about not only how to respond, but how to be forward-leaning about what we should do. It's not some brilliant insight. We just have to fix the problem. We have become too reactive to Trump's immigration policies. Most Americans — especially those in purple states — prefer solutions over resistance."

"I think a lot of Americans are starting to scratch their heads. They're starting to hear Democratic messaging on it, but we've been more on the defensive than making a case. Democrats should not try to avoid a discussion about border security. Some Democrats don't seem to realize or don't want to acknowledge it, but we voted for the strongest border security bill, maybe ever."

— from an article in [Roll Call](#) titled "[How one Democrat threads the needle on border security](#)"

## Fitzpatrick in the News

"What's important is the legislation and that it's based on facts and evidence and data and the truth. All that other stuff is noise."

— the congressman defends his position on continuing to take money from fossil fuel extraction corporations, from an article in *E&E News* titled "[Opposition to fossil fuel cash splits Democrats](#)"

"If EPA refuses to do its job, Congress must intercede."

— from the NPR affiliate *WTF* article titled "[Report says EPA refuses to regulate two PFAS chemicals](#)"

"The first thing that needs to happen is everyone needs to stop using the term 'wall,' because in this instance it's become so toxic that it is now a proxy for a person, and that's the president. People who don't like the president are going to have nothing to do with anything that is referred to as a wall... It's not a wall or no wall. It's whether or not we are securing our border to the extent that [the] Border Patrol feels they need to do their jobs."

— from the *Allentown Morning Call* article titled "[On border security and the wall, here's what Pennsylvania's members of Congress support — and don't](#)"

## Toomey in the News

*Courtesy of contributor Elayne Baker*

"My strong preference is to do this the old fashioned way, through legislation, let's have a compromise. I hope he will take advantage of the opportunity to make that case and also remind everyone that he's open to negotiating here... It would be a bad precedent I think for the president to decide to invoke a national security as a way to bypass a congressional lockjam and I can imagine future presidents using that for purposes I would find very very objectionable... The request for additional security hasn't been conjured up out of the thin blue sky, it's been out of the request of the border patrol, so there are places where there are emergencies,"

— from an article in Harrisburg's *CBS News* affiliate titled "[Senator Toomey talks border security, POTUS suggests national emergency on the horizon](#)"

"If the president has a legitimate national security reason that he wants to impose tariffs, he ought to be able to convince Congress of that."

— the senator explains the idea behind his newly introduced bill, in an article in the *Allentown Morning Call* titled "[Pat Toomey renews push for Congress to sign off on President Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs](#)"

"The imposition of these taxes, under the false pretense of national security (Section 232), is weakening our economy, threatening American jobs, and eroding our credibility with other nations."

— more about why the senator introduced his new bill limiting the president from unilaterally implementing tariffs, from the *Voice of America News* article titled "[Lawmakers Attempt to Rein in President's Tariff Power](#)"

"I think most Republican senators recognize that we've been delegating our authority over to the executive branch for decades in a lot of areas, and trade very much being one of them. Y'know, it's time we take that responsibility that we're supposed to take."

— from an article in *The New American* titled "[USMCA Deal Moving Forward, as Trump Outlines Changes Required to U.S. Law](#)"

"A hasty withdrawal of American troops from Syria is dangerous to American interests and could create a power vacuum in the region that bolsters terrorist groups and rogue nations. If the administration intends to go through with this withdrawal, Congress must see a plan that ensures the destruction of ISIS, reiterates our commitment to our Syrian Kurdish allies, checks Iranian interests in Syria, and prevents further threats against Israel. This bipartisan amendment underscores all of these objectives while requiring the administration to share how this will be accomplished for the American people."

— from the [Allentown WFMZ 69](#) article titled "[Senators Toomey, Van Hollen pursue administration report on Syria strategy](#)"

### **A tale of two Toomeys - [one article](#) in *Business Insider* presents two entirely different Toomey perspectives on the NAFTA/USMCA trade agreement (a.k.a. what a difference one month makes)...**

"The markets would go haywire. I mean supply chains would be very, very disrupted. It'd be very harmful to the economy, to jobs in the United States...So it's not a good policy. But as I say, I simply reject the idea he has the authority to do it."

— [Sen. Toomey's objections to the President's plan in December](#)

"Obviously that ship has sailed and now we're in a position where our Democratic colleagues are — I'm not aware of a single elected Democrat member of Congress who've endorsed this. Maybe you are but I'm not. I'm aware of many who have panned it. So it's not clear to me what the path forward is. As I've warned the administration, there's a lot of resistance from Democrats. I don't see this as a high priority for Speaker Pelosi — maybe I'm mistaken."

— [Sen. Toomey's assessment and blame-shifting in January](#)

### **Press Release spotlight - Senator Toomey gets a new assignment**

During the 115th Congress MoCTrack dabbled in sharing the occasional press release from our MoCs, and providing some context for their carefully crafted messaging. A press release dropped this week that demands this kind of attention from us. From [Senator Toomey](#) on 01/31/19:

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) was re-named the chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over our nation's largest government health care programs - Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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Where to begin with this?! First, a bit of history. Senator Toomey was on the Senate Finance Committee in the 115th congress, but he had a different assignment. He was previously the subcommittee chairperson in charge of the group that handled "Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection." We'll leave it to you to make your own joke about to which part of his old title he paid more attention. There had been some [speculation](#) after the retirement announcement last year from Utah's Sen. Orrin Hatch, who had previously chaired the entire Finance Committee, that our junior senator had a shot of taking over the whole group. But that depended on Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) wanting to chair another committee, and it turned out that he stayed put in Finance. So that left our Sen. Toomey to bump up from his old assignment into one that had a higher profile... because health care is at the center of everything!

Senator Toomey has been talking about cutting social safety net programs, using the GOP phrasing “entitlement reform,” for a long time. And his tune on that issue has not changed. Just this past December he had an [opinion piece](#) in the *Allentown Morning Call* wherein he stated, “Another important opportunity is meaningful entitlement reform. Our structural deficits and accumulating debt will, at some point, undermine economic growth and our standard of living if uncorrected. The three big entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — are the root cause of our fiscal problems.”

When our junior senator takes his first opportunity to use his new position to spread messaging about this same topic (because that’s what he means by “put[ting] our major federal health care programs...on a sustainable fiscal path”), we all should be worried about it being a signal for more to come. A senate sub-committee chairperson has the power to determine topics and guests for hearings. Thus, we should expect more hearings featuring policy wonks from conservative think-tanks citing a dire future for public health care spending. Sub-committee chairpeople can also schedule mark-up sessions for pending legislation, so expect more bills that chip away at the ACA and other public programs. In short, we should all be deeply thankful that there is a Democrat-controlled House... because Senator Toomey is primed for an assault on the social safety net.

## **Calls to Action - Support this Bill!**

### **[H.R. 869](#): To modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988**

This call to action comes to your courtesy of [Orange Wave - Vote for Gun Safety](#). They are “a grassroots organization based in Pennsylvania working to elect representatives who will introduce, sponsor and support legislation designed to reduce gun violence. [They] are not anti-gun or anti-second amendment. Instead, [they], along with the majority of Pennsylvanians and Americans, believe that it is possible to enjoy second amendment rights while protecting public safety.” Their self-described mission is to support gun safety champions, educate voters on issues related to gun policy, hold MoCs accountable and turn out voters. They [posted](#) this call to action on Facebook this week, and it is copied here with their permission.

Congresswoman Rep. Madeleine Dean is slaying in Washington D.C.!   We have been working with her to mobilize support for H.R. 869, which will modernize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 with language that applies to 3D printed guns.

In addition to Dean, three PA Representatives have already signed on as co-sponsors to the bill: Mary Gay Scanlon U.S. Representative Mike Doyle U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan

#### Call to Action:

If your Rep has co-sponsored the bill, call and thank them and tell them you support the bill.

Scanlon: (202) 225-2011

Houlahan: (202) 225-4315

Doyle: (202) 225-2135

If your Rep has not co-sponsored the bill, call and \*politely\* inquire whether they plan to co-sponsor the bill. Tell them you support the bill.

We have been in contact with Rep. Brendan Boyle and Rep. Conor Lamb's offices--- staffers are flagging the bill for their attention. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick is not a sponsor as of now. Please call and encourage them to co-sponsor the bill. Let us know in the comments what they say!

Boyle: (202) 225-6111

Fitzpatrick: (202) 225-4276

Lamb: (202) 225-2301

Wild: (202) 225-6411

Talking Points:

- Printable, plastic guns are undetectable to metal detectors or other detection devices.
- As 3-D printing technology becomes more accessible to the public, undetectable guns might proliferate.
- Our current law – the Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act (1988) – does not adequately provide for the security realities of today.
- This legislation will update the Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act by proposing language pertaining to 3D printed guns.

Orange Wave also shared a link to a *Philadelphia Inquirer* [article](#) about the bill and Rep. Dean's efforts.

MoCTrack is 100% onboard with this legislation. We all talk about common sense gun reform, and this issue is right at the crux of that. Legislation only works when it is modified to bring it up to date and in line with technological advancements. It's Congress's responsibility to update the Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act so that it reflects today's realities of 3D printing technology, something that was scarcely imagined when the original bill passed in 1988.

In addition to calling your MoCs to support this bill, please consider following Orange Wave on social media, so they can help keep us all informed about issues related to their mandate. They can be found on Facebook at "Orange Wave for Gun Safety" and on Twitter at [@OrangeWavePA](#).

**A reminder of other Call to Action bills from previous MoCTrack Reports:**

- [Prohibiting the president from ordering a nuclear first strike if Congress hasn't declared war](#)
- [The Democrats' signature ethics reform package, H.R. 1](#)
- [A bill to create more IT/Cybersecurity infrastructure and oversight](#)
- [A bill to provide back pay to low-wage contractor employees](#)

Thanks for reading up on what our Pennsylvania Members of Congress have been doing this past week. We're delighted to have you as a reader. If you liked what you read here and think others need to keep up with our MoCs, please share our website - <http://www.patogether.org/congress.html>  
Or you can head over to Twitter and search for #MoCTrack and retweet what you see there.

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