

## Pennsylvania Member of Congress Tracking Report - 08.01.21

This is a 100% volunteer effort brought to you by a handful of progressive Democrats and Independents who share a vision of an informed electorate. Thank you to the Demcast and Pennsylvania Indivisible organizations who host our report and help us share it with Commonwealth residents!

### Indivisible Scorecard

The Indivisible movement is focused on four key principles - **equality, justice, compassion and inclusion**. Accordingly, we score legislation that reflects those values:

- Ballot access, voting rights, campaign finance and ethics
- Civil rights, equality under the law and addressing systemic inequities
- Reinforcing and strengthening democratic norms, processes, and oversight
- Addressing economic inequality

No votes were scored this week.

Lawmaker	Score	Change from last score
● Senator Bob Casey	100.0%	No change
● Senator Pat Toomey	35.7%	No change
● PA-01's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick	54.9%	No change
● PA-02's Rep. Brendan Boyle	100.0%	No change
● PA-03's Rep. Dwight Evans	100.0%	No change
● PA-04's Rep. Madeleine Dean	100.0%	No change
● PA-05's Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon	100.0%	No change
● PA-06's Rep. Chrissy Houlahan	100.0%	No change
● PA-07's Rep. Susan Wild	100.0%	No change
● PA-08's Rep. Matt Cartwright	100.0%	No change
● PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser	4.1%	No change
● PA-10's Rep. Scott Perry	0.0%	No change
● PA-11's Rep. Lloyd Smucker	9.8%	No change
● PA-12's Rep. Fred Keller	3.9%	No change
● PA-13's Rep. John Joyce	3.9%	No change
● PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler	3.9%	No change

● PA-15's Rep. Glenn W. Thompson	10.2%	No change
● PA-16's Rep. Mike Kelly	3.9%	No change
● PA-17's Rep. Conor Lamb	100.0%	No change
● PA-18's Rep. Mike Doyle	100.0%	No change

## Quick Links

### Votes of Interest

[Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Passes the Senate](#)

[Capitol Police Emergency Funding Finally Gets Through Both Houses](#)

[Appropriations Bills for 2022 are on the Move!](#)

① [Legislative Branch Funding](#)

② [State Department Funding](#)

③ ["And the rest..." Minibus bill](#)

[Kevin McCarthy Fails to get House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Condemned](#)

[GOP Masking Rule Protest Votes in the House](#)

[Bureaucratic Confirmations](#)

[Bureau of Land Management](#)

[Department of Justice](#)

[National Labor Relations Board, Part 1](#)

[National Labor Relations Board, Part 2](#)

[Department of Homeland Security](#)

[Votes under Suspension of the Rules](#)

[Unanimously passed legislation](#)

### Quotes of Interest

[Many MoCs talk about INFRASTRUCTURE and how they define it](#)

[Senate Tweets](#)

[House Tweets](#)

[MoC Weekly Round-ups](#)

[Casey Quote of the Week](#)

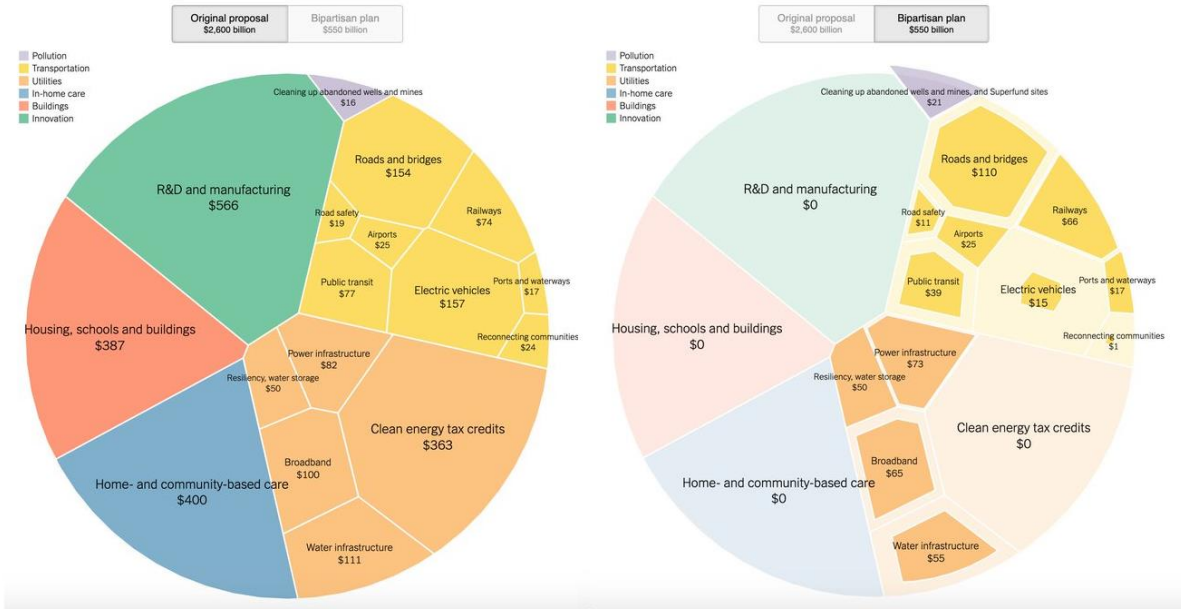
[Toomey Quote of the Week](#)

[Call to Action - Recess Can Wait!](#)

## Votes of Interest

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework Passes the Senate**

[Senate Cloture Vote](#) on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to [H.R. 3684](#)



The graphic shared on the previous page, created by the wonderful data/interactive/infographics team at the [New York Times](#), does the best possible job at showing how the Biden Infrastructure plan was whittled away through these past months of bipartisan negotiations.

These sections have been **fully cut**:

- **Home and community-based care**
- **Housing, schools and buildings**
- **Research/development and manufacturing**
- **Clean energy tax credits**

The areas that have been **reduced**:

- **Nearly all of the Utilities line items**
- **Nearly all of the Transportation line items**

The only areas to escape cuts or see increases in this plan are the small line items for clean-up of abandoned mines and wells, ports, airports, and water storage/resiliency. This makes a potent argument for the need for a Democrats-only, reconciliation infrastructure package. Because as was predicted, for all of the bipartisanship cheerleading, the Republicans succeeded in delaying and reducing the Build Back Better plan.

**Vote date:** **Wednesday, July 28, 2021** **Vote Tally:** **67-32**

**Party Breakdown:** This action that opens up debate on the bipartisan infrastructure bill was supported by all the Democrats and Independents and 17 Republicans. The remaining 32 voted against it, with South Dakota's Mike Rounds not present for voting.

**Additional Reading:**

- ["Senate advances bipartisan infrastructure bill in procedural vote,"](#) from *CNBC*
- ["Bipartisan infrastructure deal sails through first Senate vote,"](#) from *Politico*
- ["Schumer: Senators will 'get the job done' on infrastructure,"](#) from *AP News*

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted NO**

## Capitol Police Emergency Funding Finally Gets Through Both Houses

[House Vote](#) on [H.R. 3237](#): Emergency Security Supplemental to Respond to January 6th Appropriations Act  
[Senate Vote](#) on [H.R. 3237](#)

[Back in May](#), the House passed the original version of this bill to fund the Capitol Police and make security updates after the current inadequacies had been revealed by the disaster of January 6th. It took the Senate two months, time in which the Capitol Police nearly ran out of money, to pass their own version of this funding bill.

[NPR](#) provided this explanation of how the \$2.1 billion package is divided:

The Senate bill directs \$100 million for the Capitol Police, including pay for overtime, mental health support and training. The plan also directs \$300 million for new Capitol security measures and more than \$1 billion to the Defense Department, Shelby noted. Of that Defense Department funding, \$500 million will go to the National Guard, which also saw its funds depleted after security was ramped up following the deadly insurrection.

The measure also directs money to a program to assist in the relocation and housing of Afghans who helped the U.S. throughout the war in that country, and assistance in visas to eligible Afghan translators and other U.S. allies in that country.

**House Vote date: Thursday, July 29, 2021**

**House Vote Tally: 416-11**

**Party Breakdown:** The 11 NO votes were split between both parties. Six NO votes were from Democrats, members of the progressive “squad” - Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Cori Bush of Missouri, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Jamall Bowman of New York. The other 5 NO votes were from Freedom Caucus/Libertarian wing Republicans - Tom McClintock of California, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Ralph Noran of South Carolina, Chip Roy of Texas and Bob Good of Virginia.

Aye	R	Fitzpatrick, Brian	PA 1st	Aye	R	Perry, Scott	PA 10th
Aye	D	Boyle, Brendan	PA 2nd	Aye	R	Smucker, Lloyd	PA 11th
Aye	D	Evans, Dwight	PA 3rd	Aye	R	Keller, Fred	PA 12th
Aye	D	Dean, Madeleine	PA 4th	Aye	R	Joyce, John	PA 13th
Aye	D	Scanlon, Mary	PA 5th	Aye	R	Reschenthaler, Guy	PA 14th
Aye	D	Houlahan, Chrissy	PA 6th	Aye	R	Thompson, Glenn	PA 15th
Aye	D	Wild, Susan	PA 7th	Aye	R	Kelly, Mike	PA 16th
Aye	D	Cartwright, Matthew	PA 8th	Aye	D	Lamb, Conor	PA 17th
Aye	R	Meuser, Daniel	PA 9th	Aye	D	Doyle, Mike	PA 18th

**Senate Vote date: Thursday, July 29, 2021**

**Senate Vote Tally: 98-0**

**Party breakdown:** The two lawmakers who did not vote on this unanimously supported bill were Republicans Roger Marshall of Kansas and Mike Rounds of South Dakota.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted YES**

**Additional Reading:**

- [“Congress Approves \\$2.1 Billion Emergency Funding Bill For Capitol Police,”](#) from *NPR*
- [“U.S. Congress passes \\$2.1 billion for Capitol Police and Afghans,”](#) from *Reuters*
- [“Congress passes emergency security funding for Capitol Police, National Guard,”](#) from *ABC News*

## Appropriations Bills for 2022 are on the Move!

As we approach the August recess, we are getting into Appropriations season, that time of year that Congress is supposed to pass funding bills that set the level of money each department gets for the next year. There are usually 12 of these bills, though sometimes they are lumped into one big bill called an "omnibus" and other times they are lumped together in two or three chunks (jokingly called "minibus" bills). Other times Congress chooses to kick the can down the road with "continuing resolutions" - that's when everyone agrees to keep funding at the same level as it exists currently, and they set a new deadline for when the funding expires. And if none of those things happen, we get shutdowns.

With the three votes below, the house has covered nine of the twelve appropriations areas. The three that will need to be addressed in the short window between the end of August recess and the September 30th deadline are the departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Justice.

### ① Legislative Branch Funding

[House Vote](#) on [H.R. 4346](#): Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022

The following list covers some (but not all) of the departments funded by this appropriations package: the House of Representatives, the Joint Economic Committee, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Office of the Attending Physician, the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, the Capitol Police; the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; the Congressional Budget Office; the Architect of the Capitol; the Library of Congress, including the Congressional Research Service and the Copyright Office; the Government Publishing Office; and the Government Accountability Office.

After the passage of the bill, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and House Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries issued [a joint statement](#) about the passage, noting that the bill raises the amount of money that lawmakers can spend on staff by about 20%. They observed:

Since Fiscal Year 2011, there has been an effective 20.7% cut in funding for staff pay.

We believe this has harmed the ability of Members to offer competitive salaries that would lead talented newcomers from all backgrounds to start a career on the Hill; or, just as importantly, encourage experienced staff to stay. We ought to be able to recruit and retain Americans of talent and experience in both DC and in our district offices, which will allow us to better serve our constituents while helping Congress attract a more diverse workforce that reflects the nation it serves.

**Vote date:**

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

**Vote Tally:**

**215-207**

**Party Breakdown:** This bill was nearly a party line vote, with most Democrats voting YES and most Republicans voting NO. Three lawmakers crossed party lines. Democrats Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Cori Bush of Missouri voted NO, and Republican Don Young of Alaska voted YES.

No	R	Fitzpatrick, Brian	PA 1st	No	R	Perry, Scott	PA 10th
Aye	D	Boyle, Brendan	PA 2nd	No	R	Smucker, Lloyd	PA 11th
Aye	D	Evans, Dwight	PA 3rd	No	R	Keller, Fred	PA 12th
Aye	D	Dean, Madeleine	PA 4th	No	R	Joyce, John	PA 13th
Aye	D	Scanlon, Mary	PA 5th	No	R	Reschenthaler, Guy	PA 14th
Aye	D	Houlahan, Chrissy	PA 6th	No	R	Thompson, Glenn	PA 15th
Aye	D	Wild, Susan	PA 7th	No	R	Kelly, Mike	PA 16th
Aye	D	Cartwright, Matthew	PA 8th	Aye	D	Lamb, Conor	PA 17th
No	R	Meuser, Daniel	PA 9th	Aye	D	Doyle, Mike	PA 18th

## ② State Department Funding

[House Vote](#) on [H.R. 4373](#): Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2022

The following list covers some (but not all) of the departments funded by this appropriations package: the Department of State; the U.S. Agency for Global Media, the Asia Foundation, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue Trust Fund, the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program, the Israeli Arab Scholarship Program, the East-West Center, the Leadership Institute For Transatlantic Engagement, and the National Endowment for Democracy; the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, and the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission; and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The [House Appropriations Committee](#) reports that the \$62.24 billion budget is a 12% increase from the 2021 budget. Chairperson Rosa DeLaura made the following statement about the bill:

President Biden has made it clear that America is back. The State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs funding bill puts those words into action. It makes America stronger at home and respected again in the world. It restores American leadership by responding to global health threats, including the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. And it addresses urgent humanitarian needs while confronting the climate crisis. With this bill, we are proving that America is back and ready to confront the biggest challenges facing our nation and world. I thank Chairwoman Lee and every Member of the Appropriations Committee for their leadership and I look forward to getting this legislation passed into law.

**Vote date:** **Wednesday, July 28, 2021** **Vote Tally:** **217-212**

**Party Breakdown:** All Republicans voted NO and they were joined by three Democrats - Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Cori Bush of Missouri and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

No	R	Fitzpatrick, Brian	PA 1st	No	R	Perry, Scott	PA 10th
Aye	D	Boyle, Brendan	PA 2nd	No	R	Smucker, Lloyd	PA 11th
Aye	D	Evans, Dwight	PA 3rd	No	R	Keller, Fred	PA 12th
Aye	D	Dean, Madeleine	PA 4th	No	R	Joyce, John	PA 13th
Aye	D	Scanlon, Mary	PA 5th	No	R	Reschenthaler, Guy	PA 14th
Aye	D	Houlahan, Chrissy	PA 6th	No	R	Thompson, Glenn	PA 15th
Aye	D	Wild, Susan	PA 7th	No	R	Kelly, Mike	PA 16th
Aye	D	Cartwright, Matthew	PA 8th	Aye	D	Lamb, Conor	PA 17th
No	R	Meuser, Daniel	PA 9th	Aye	D	Doyle, Mike	PA 18th

## ③ “And the rest...” Minibus bill

[House Vote](#) on [H.R. 4502](#): Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022

This third appropriations vote is actually for a “minibus” bill, as it bundled together the funding for seven of the dozen appropriations packages that get passed each year. Some of the areas included are the Department of Labor, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), the Department of Education, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the Social Security Administration.

The big sticking point for Republicans in this package was not spending increases or even defense cuts - it was abortion. The following section from [The Hill's](#) coverage of the bill breaks down the details of the abortion-related changes and the positions of the two parties:

[Republicans] took issue with Democrats stripping the bill of two abortion-related provisions: the Hyde Amendment, a longstanding policy barring the use of federal funds for abortions, as well as the Weldon Amendment, which prohibits agencies receiving federal funding from "discriminating" against entities because they refuse to provide or pay for abortions.

"This is not the way to do business if we want to enact full-year appropriations bills this year," said Rep. Kay Granger (Texas), the top Republican on the House Appropriations Committee. "We have countless policy differences that will take time to resolve and protecting the lives of unborn children must be the first step," she said.

A number of Democrats have argued the provisions, which have been included in federal spending bills for the past four decades and have seen bipartisan support over the years, are discriminatory policy and deny low-income women the right to an abortion.

"These provisions have long had a terrible and disproportionate impact on low-income women and women of color. Getting them off the books will be a huge step forward for reproductive and racial justice," said Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Programs and departments receiving increases under this House minibuss appropriations package include the Department of Education (29%), federal student aid (9%), historically Black colleges and universities (15%), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (25%).

**Vote date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 **Vote Tally:** 219-208  
**Party Breakdown:** This was a party line vote. All Democrats voted YES and all Republicans voted NO.

No	R	Fitzpatrick, Brian	PA 1st	No	R	Perry, Scott	PA 10th
Aye	D	Boyle, Brendan	PA 2nd	No	R	Smucker, Lloyd	PA 11th
Aye	D	Evans, Dwight	PA 3rd	No	R	Keller, Fred	PA 12th
Aye	D	Dean, Madeleine	PA 4th	No	R	Joyce, John	PA 13th
Aye	D	Scanlon, Mary	PA 5th	No	R	Reschenthaler, Guy	PA 14th
Aye	D	Houlahan, Chrissy	PA 6th	No	R	Thompson, Glenn	PA 15th
Aye	D	Wild, Susan	PA 7th	No	R	Kelly, Mike	PA 16th
Aye	D	Cartwright, Matthew	PA 8th	Aye	D	Lamb, Conor	PA 17th
No	R	Meuser, Daniel	PA 9th	Aye	D	Doyle, Mike	PA 18th

## Kevin McCarthy Fails to get House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Condemned

[House Vote](#) on Motion to Table: [H.Res. 554](#): Raising a question of the privileges of the House

This vote scarcely received notice from the media because it was dumb, petty and ultimately destined to fail. But House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy does have some privileges, undeserved as they may be, and he used them to force a full House vote on his silly motion to condemn Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi for rejecting two of McCarthy's choices for the January 6th Select Commission. Let us all



remember two things about that action - first, that under the bill passed to create the Select Committee, Pelosi was well within her rights to have rejected anyone she wishes; and second, if McCarthy himself hadn't worked to tank the 9/11-style commission that Democrats originally wanted, Pelosi would not have had that power.

Every single Pennsylvania Republican followed their leader in voting for this piece of idiocy.

**Vote date:** **Monday, July 26, 2021**

**Vote Tally:** **218-197**

**Party Breakdown:** This was very nearly a party line vote, with the two pro-Democracy Republicans - Reps. Adam Kinzinger and Liz Cheney - joining Democrats in voting YES, to table (or kill) this resolution. All other Republicans, including every Pennsylvania GOP MoC, voted to move ahead with this attack.

**Additional Reading:**

- [“What you're doing is unprecedented: McCarthy-Pelosi feud boils over,”](#) from *CNN Politics*

No	R	Fitzpatrick, Brian	PA 1st	No	R	Perry, Scott	PA 10th
Aye	D	Boyle, Brendan	PA 2nd	No	R	Smucker, Lloyd	PA 11th
Aye	D	Evans, Dwight	PA 3rd	No	R	Keller, Fred	PA 12th
Aye	D	Dean, Madeleine	PA 4th	No	R	Joyce, John	PA 13th
Aye	D	Scanlon, Mary	PA 5th	No	R	Reschenthaler, Guy	PA 14th
Aye	D	Houlahan, Chrissy	PA 6th	No	R	Thompson, Glenn	PA 15th
Aye	D	Wild, Susan	PA 7th	No	R	Kelly, Mike	PA 16th
Aye	D	Cartwright, Matthew	PA 8th	Aye	D	Lamb, Conor	PA 17th
No	R	Meuser, Daniel	PA 9th	Aye	D	Doyle, Mike	PA 18th

**GOP Masking Rule Protest Votes in the House**

[House Vote](#) on On Motion to Adjourn, Jul 28, 2021 at 12:01 p.m. ET

[House Vote](#) on On Motion to Adjourn, Jul 28, 2021 at 2:02 p.m. ET

[House Vote](#) on On Motion to Adjourn, Jul 29, 2021 at 3:42 p.m. ET

This week the House attending physician, Brian Monahan, issued a memorandum to all lawmakers, staff, and building support staff that reads, “For all House Office Buildings, the Hall of the House, and House Committee Meetings, wearing a well-fitted, medical grade, filtration face mask is required when an individual is in an interior space and other individuals are present.” The reason for this change is the skyrocketing cases and increased transmissibility of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

The GOP went into full “but what about freedom” freak-out mode and staged a series of legislative revolts that did little more than waste time. They all failed, and masks are still required.

① **First vote, noon on Wednesday, July 28th - 197-225 FAILED**

**Pennsylvania lawmakers who voted YES** - ● PA-09’s Rep. Dan Meuser, ● PA-10’s Rep. Scott Perry, ● PA-11’s Rep. Lloyd Smucker, ● PA-12’s Rep. Fred Keller, ● PA-13’s Rep. John Joyce, ● PA-14’s Rep. Guy Reschenthaler and ● PA-16’s Rep. Mike Kelly

② **Second vote, 2 PM on Wednesday, July 28th - 174-216 FAILED**



**Pennsylvania lawmakers who voted YES** - ● PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser, ● PA-10's Rep. Scott Perry, ● PA-11's Rep. Lloyd Smucker, ● PA-12's Rep. Fred Keller, ● PA-13's Rep. John Joyce, ● PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler and ● PA-16's Rep. Mike Kelly

### ③ Third vote, late afternoon on Thursday, July 29th - 173-242 **FAILED**

**Pennsylvania lawmakers who voted YES** - ● PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser, ● PA-10's Rep. Scott Perry, ● PA-11's Rep. Lloyd Smucker, ● PA-12's Rep. Fred Keller, ● PA-13's Rep. John Joyce, ● PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, ● PA-15's Rep. Glenn Thompson and ● PA-16's Rep. Mike Kelly

#### **Additional Reading:**

- ["A telling 'no' on House Republicans' anti-mask vote,"](#) from *CNN Politics*
- ["GOP, Democrats battle over masks in House, Senate,"](#) from *The Hill*
- ["House Erupts Into War Over Mask Mandate As Many Republicans Risk Fines In Protest,"](#) from *Forbes*

## **Bureaucratic Confirmations**

*Editor's note: now that we are over a half-year into the Biden Administration, almost all of the major bureaucratic positions have been filled - certainly there are no more cabinet level seats and few deputy and major agency leadership positions open. Many of the positions filled are getting down well past the deputy level, MoCTrack is going to provide slightly less information about these confirmations. Any high-level replacement confirmations will still get full coverage, as will judicial confirmations, but these lower-level bureaucrats are not often covered in traditional media, so we are often left with only press releases and less reliable sources for information. MoCTrack would prefer to provide less but firmly reliable information than repeat unverifiable or unreliable outlets.*

## **Bureau of Land Management**

[Senate Vote on the MOTION TO DISCHARGE](#) Tracy Stone-Manning to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management

For the past several months we have been reporting on the once rare, now commonplace "motion to discharge." This is the action taken when a Senate committee is deadlocked (as they often are in this 50-50 Senate) and a full Senate votes on "discharging" the nomination from the committee and out to the full Senate for a final confirmation vote. Tracy Stone-Manning is the sixth Biden nominee to undergo this process. Making it worse was the awful treatment she underwent at the hands of Republicans during her confirmation hearing. Please do read ["Tracy Stone-Manning's confirmation treatment was simply unacceptable — and it must stop,"](#) an opinion piece written by Kathy Hadley in *The Hill* for more information about the ridiculous tactics the GOP used on this nominee.

**Vote date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Vote Tally:** 50-49

**Party Breakdown:** This was a pure party line vote. All Democrats and Independents voted YES while all Republicans voted NO. The tie-breaking vote of Vice President Kamala Harris was not needed because South Dakota Republican Mike Rounds was not present for the vote.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted NO**

## **Department of Justice**

[Senate Confirmation Vote](#) on Todd Sunhwaee Kim to be an Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division

From [E&E News](#): "The Senate confirmed Todd Kim as assistant attorney general in charge of DOJ's Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). Kim will lead the DOJ team responsible for enforcing the nation's clean air and water laws and defending the Biden administration's environmental regulations in court. He takes the helm at a time when President Biden has pledged to give special attention to environmental harms to low-income and minority communities. Kim worked as an ENRD trial

attorney for seven years early in his legal career. His service at the division spanned the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations.”

**Vote date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Vote Tally:** 58-41

**Party Breakdown:** The full complement of Democrats and Independents were joined by 8 Republicans in voting YES. All 41 NO votes were from Republicans.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted NO**

### **National Labor Relations Board, Part 1**

[Senate Confirmation Vote](#) on Gwynne A. Wilcox to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2023

From [National Law Review](#): “Gwynne Wilcox is currently a partner at Levy Ratner PC, a New York-based union-side law firm. She also serves as associate general counsel for the largest local of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Before entering private practice, Wilcox worked as a field attorney in the NLRB’s Manhattan office... She [is] the first Black woman to be a member of the NLRB in the agency’s 86-year history. Wilcox [will] fill the seat that has been vacant since former Chair Mark Peace’s term expired in 2018.”

**Vote date:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021

**Vote Tally:** 52-47

**Party Breakdown:** All of the Democrats and Independents were joined by Alaska’s Lisa Murkowski and Maine’s Susan Collins in voting YES. The remaining 47 NO votes were all from Republicans.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted NO**

### **National Labor Relations Board, Part 2**

[Senate Confirmation Vote](#) on David M. Prouty to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2026

From [Employment Law World View](#): “Prouty is certain to approach matters in a more union-friendly way than his predecessor. Prouty has held legal positions with some of the largest and most proactive labor unions in the country. He currently serves as the General Counsel for a SEIU local union located in New York City. Before that, he served as inside counsel to UNITE Here and the Major League Baseball Players’ Association.”

**Vote date:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021

**Vote Tally:** 53-46

**Party Breakdown:** Nearly the same coalition of voters supported this NLRB nominee, but they brought along one extra Republican - Alaska’s Dan Sullivan. The other 46 Republicans all voted NO.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

**Senator Pat Toomey voted NO**

### **Department of Homeland Security**

[Senate Confirmation Vote](#) on Ur Mendoza Jaddou to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security

From [The Hill](#): “The daughter of immigrants from Mexico and Iraq, Jaddou brings years of experience in immigration policy to the role, most recently as a director at America’s Voice, an immigrant advocacy group, and before then, as chief counsel for USCIS under the Obama administration. She has also held roles at the U.S. Department of State and as chief counsel for the House Judiciary Committee’s immigration panel... Jaddou inherits an agency plagued by lengthy processing delays and shaky finances. Last year, USCIS, which is primarily funded with application fees, narrowly averted mass furloughs of more than half its staff after closing its offices and suspending some in-person appointments during the early months of the coronavirus pandemic.”

**Vote date:** Friday, July 30, 2021

**Vote Tally:** 47-34

**Party Breakdown:** Despite the weird number, this was a party line vote, with all democrats present voting YES and all republicans present voting NO. But 16 Republicans, both Independents and 1 Democrat were not present for voting on the last Friday of July.

**Senator Bob Casey voted YES**

## Senator Pat Toomey voted NO

### Votes under Suspension of the Rules

Some bills are so uncontroversial that the leadership of both parties coordinate to bring the bills up under a suspension of the rules - that means that debate and amendments are limited, but the bill needs a  $\frac{2}{3}$  supermajority to pass. This pair of bills were brought up under a suspension of the rules this week. Bill explanations are quoted from the *Library of Congress* summary available on Congress.gov unless otherwise indicated.



#### House Vote on [S. 1910](#): Major Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2021

“This bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out specified major medical facility projects during FY2021. The bill also indicates the maximum amount that can be spent on each project.”

**Vote date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 **Vote Tally:** 413-7

**Pennsylvania breakdown:** Our delegation supported this bill unanimously.



#### House Vote on [H.R. 2497](#): Amache National Historic Site Act

“This bill establishes the Amache National Historic Site in Colorado as a unit of the National Park System to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations resources associated with the incarceration of civilians of Japanese ancestry during World War II at Amache, also known as the Granada Relocation Center, and the military service of incarcerated at the Granada Relocation Center.”

**Vote date:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 **Vote Tally:** 416-2

**Pennsylvania breakdown:** Our delegation voted 17-0-1, with ● **PA-15's Rep. Glenn Thompson** not present for the vote.

### Unanimously passed legislation

The following bills were passed through unanimous consent or voice vote (which presumes unanimity, as any member can object to the voice vote and ask for a roll call). This list excludes bills related to post offices, stamps, memorials, awareness weeks and other ceremonial activities.

- [H.R. 2365](#): Gold Star Mothers Family Monument Extension Act
- [S. 957](#): DUMP Opioids Act
- [H.R. 1664](#): To authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs
- [H.R. 2278](#): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail
- [H.R. 4300](#): Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act
- [H.R. 2485](#) - Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act
- [H.R. 1002](#) - DEBAR (Debarment Enforcement of Bad Actor Registrants) Act of 2021
- [S. 503](#) - PARENTS (Providing Adequate Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and daughters) Act of 2021
- [S. 231](#) - Protecting Firefighters from Adverse Substances Act
- [S. 583](#) - PRICE (Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Cost Efficiencies for Federal Procurement and Acquisitions) Act of 2021
- [S. Res. 329](#) - A resolution amending the eligibility criteria for the Senate Employee Child Care Center
- [S. 1046](#) - Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Act of 2021
- [S. 1301](#) - Promoting Physical Activity for Americans Act

## Quotes of Interest

## Many MoCs talk about INFRASTRUCTURE, or how they define it

● **Senator Bob Casey, @SenBobCasey, [07/31/21](#):**

"We need world-class bridges, waterways, roads, & universal broadband. We also need home & community-based services for millions of seniors & people with disabilities who rely on it. For their families, caregiving is a bridge to work.

We need the #BetterCareBetterJobs Act."

● **PA-01's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, @RepBrianFitz, [07/30/21](#):**

*Rep. Fitzpatrick retweeted this content from the Problem Solvers Caucus account, where he is a co-chair* - "Working together with our Senate allies since the Spring, the #ProblemSolvers helped create a bipartisan infrastructure plan that will create jobs, strengthen our economy, protect our environment, & improve the quality of life for Americans. Now it's time to get this deal done."

● **PA-02's Rep. Brendan Boyle, @CongBoyle, [07/26/21](#):**

*Rep. Boyle retweeted this content from the official White House account* - "President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework will provide critical updates to our nation's infrastructure, giving every community a fighting chance. Two of many long overdue improvements: delivering clean drinking water and high-speed internet to working families."

● **PA-03's Rep. Dwight Evans, @RepDwightEvans, [07/30/21](#):**

"I'm pleased that the Senate version of the #infrastructure bill includes substantial funding for the Reconnecting Communities initiative I am co-leading, which could help Chinatown, Nicetown & the Delaware River waterfront in #Philly!"

● **PA-04's Rep. Madeleine Dean, @RepDean, [07/29/21](#):**

"Public transport is vital to our nation's infrastructure — and crucial to economy's growth. @HouseDemocrats funding bill contains bold investments to our transit systems.

This is great for our commonwealth's transit systems:

@SEPTA/@PGHtransit/@CATTtransit/@LANTALV/ @ride the e"



● **PA-05's Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, @RepMGS, [07/26/21](#):**

Funding #ForThePeople means funding priorities that every American cares about, including:

- ✓ Rebuilding public health infrastructure
- ✓ Investments in education
- ✓ Support for small businesses



- **PA-06's Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, @RepHoulahan, [07/28/21](#):**  
"Grateful to advocate w/ @NewDemCoalition for the swift passage of an infrastructure package that meets the needs of Pennsylvanians today, tomorrow, and for years to come."
  
- **PA-07's Rep. Susan Wild, @RepSusanWild, [07/29/21](#):**  
"Our democracy was built upon compromise and negotiation.  
  
I was glad to see the Senate come to a bipartisan agreement on infrastructure."
  
- **PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser, @RepMeuser, [07/27/21](#):**  
"A bipartisan T&I bill is threatened because Democrat leadership insists on linking it to a massive \$3.5 trillion spending package. This historic level of spending would threaten the future of our economy, at the expense of game-changing investments in our nation's infrastructure."
  
- **PA-12's Rep. Fred Keller, @RepFredKeller, [07/28/21](#):**  
"The President can repeat 'Build Back Better' all he wants, but it takes American energy to do that. It takes American might to do that, and he has not displayed leadership on either of those issues.  
@newsmax"

## Senate Tweets

- **Senator Bob Casey, @SenBobCasey, [07/28/21](#):**  
"A revitalized Civilian Conservation Corps would enable us to invest in our workforce, our environment and the next generation of conservationists, farmers, foresters and leaders committed to taking on the climate crisis and preserving our shared natural resources. #REVIVetheCCC"





● **Senator Pat Toomey, @SenToomey, [07/27/21](#):**

“Too often, Korean War veterans were not given the thanks and gratitude they deserved upon returning home. Today, we recognize every American who served in Korea, and thank them for their service and sacrifice. #KoreanWarVeteransArmisticeDay”

## House Tweets

● **PA-01’s Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, @RepBrianFitz, [07/29/21](#):**

“As a member of @HouseForeign, it is crucial we come together to oppose the Chinese Communist Party’s increased military aggression and saber-rattling against our allies and partners.”

● **PA-02’s Rep. Brendan Boyle, @CongBoyle, [07/30/21](#):**

“On this day 56 years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed #Medicare and #Medicaid into law, improving the well-being of millions of Americans and saving countless lives along the way. Medicare and Medicaid enable access to quality health care.

For more than half a century, Medicare and Medicaid have helped millions of Americans afford their health care needs and enjoy greater financial security.  
#56Covered”



● **PA-03's Rep. Dwight Evans, @RepDwightEvans, 07/30/21:**

"Increased communication between law enforcement and residents in Chester #PA has brought down the homicide rate 63% this year compared to 2020, and fatal shootings are down 43%. I hope #Philly & other communities can learn from Chester's success!" [LINK to article on topic](#)

● **PA-04's Rep. Madeleine Dean, @RepDean, 07/29/21:**

"For the first time in decades, my colleagues and I have passed a spending bill that does not include the harmful #HydeAmendment & #HelmsAmendment.

Reflecting what most people believe: Everyone should have access to safe abortion services.

Reproductive freedom for all is vital."

● **PA-05's Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, @RepMGS, 07/27/21:**

"These were not tourists. January 6 was not a peaceful protest.

The truth about the attack on our Capitol has always been right in front of us, but some still refuse to acknowledge it."

● **PA-06's Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, @RepHoulahan, 07/30/21:**

"We've had a huge legislative week in D.C. And like last month, I want to update you about 'suspension bills' or bills that easily pass with bipartisan support, but don't receive much attention. These are important bills that will directly impact the people of our community.

We don't hear enough about our Congress working across the aisle. But let me assure you, it is happening and I look forward to continuing work with my colleagues to pass legislation for our Commonwealth and Country." *Rep. Houlahan followed this with a thread of 11 "Bipartisan Bills You've Never Heard of" (ones that you've already read about in the VOTES section of our MoCTrack Report).*

● **PA-07's Rep. Susan Wild, @RepSusanWild, 07/28/21:**

"On my way with @POTUS and @GovernorTomWolf to Mack Trucks in Macungie! Together, we are talking about Made in America policies and the future of strong manufacturing in our country.

The summary of @POTUS' speech in PA-07 this afternoon: Buy. American.

When we put American manufacturing first, we can create good-paying union jobs for millions of workers. We are on the right track towards building a stronger, more resilient America."





● **PA-08's Rep. Matt Cartwright, @RepCartwright, [07/26/21](#):**

"In 31 years, the #ADA has helped millions of Americans with unique needs live with dignity.

From my work to make hearing aids more affordable to my bill to help students with visual/hearing impairments succeed, I'm committed to building on the progress the ADA has made possible."

● **PA-09's Rep. Dan Meuser, @RepMeuser, [07/29/21](#):**

"Pelosi says arrests will be made for the maskless on House grounds, an example of the madness coming from Democrat leadership.

This only masks the real problem they don't want you to see. Under their control, crime surged, inflation rose, and the border crisis continues."

● **PA-10's Rep. Scott Perry, @RepScottPerry, [07/29/21](#):**

"Americans shouldn't buy from companies and players who profit through human slavery. Seems simple, but while some American professional basketball players are doing just that, @POTUS and the @NBA are sitting on the sidelines watching it happen. @politico

● **PA-11's Rep. Lloyd Smucker, @RepSmucker, [07/28/21](#):**

"Pres. Biden's tax & spend agenda is an insult to the American taxpayer. There is over \$1 trillion in COVID funding yet to be spent, but Biden wants to hike YOUR TAXES to raise TRILLIONS MORE & spend it on growing his socialist federal bureaucracy.

Biden's spending is dramatically increasing inflation, our deficit and the national debt."

● **PA-12's Rep. Fred Keller, @RepFredKeller, [07/28/21](#):**

"Less than a month ago, President Biden said this about COVID-19: "It no longer controls our lives."

So then why is the Left unwilling to relinquish control and respect Americans' freedoms?"

● **PA-13's Rep. John Joyce, @RepJohnJoyce, [07/29/21](#):**

"While Speaker Pelosi and liberals in Congress refuse to fund our Border Patrol, President Biden's border crisis is getting worse. With 1.1 million illegal border crossings already this year, we can't afford their open border policy any longer."

● **PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler, @GReschenthaler, [07/27/21](#):**

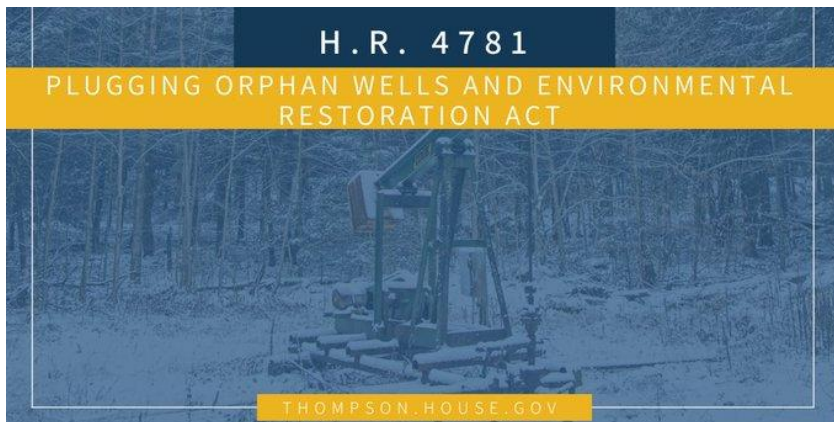
"Nancy Pelosi is doing what she does best:

Directing political theater.

The January 6th commission is nothing more than a distraction from Biden and Democrats' border, crime, and inflation crises."

● **PA-15's Rep. Glenn W. Thompson, @CongressmanGT, [07/29/21](#):**

"Nationally, there are an estimated 560,000 orphaned wells and more than 8,700 in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth's oil and gas sites ushered in the modern petroleum industry, which led the United States to become a global power and today, energy independent. #POWERACT"



● **PA-16's Rep. Mike Kelly, @MikeKellyPA, [07/29/21](#):**

"Our border is overrun, inflation is surging, and violent crime is terrorizing cities, but Joe/Nancy are focused on harassing federal workers and congressional staff over vaccinations and masks.

This is dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming of leaders in a free society."

● **PA-17's Rep. Conor Lamb, @ConorLambPA, [07/27/21](#):**

"Painful to hear the testimony today from Capitol & DC Police officers about the brutal violence, hatred & racism they faced while protecting us on Jan. 6th, & especially how the invaders repeatedly said, "Trump sent us."

The truth hurts. But our whole country needs to hear it."

● **PA-18's Rep. Mike Doyle, @USRepMikeDoyle, [07/28/21](#):**

"With Extreme #HeatWaves in the northwest, record floods in Germany & India, and an almost all year round #wildfire season - the time to tackle the #ClimateCrisis is now. I support the @HouseDemocrats #SFOPs funding bill because it would fund efforts to reduce global emissions."

## MoC Weekly Roundups

The following lawmakers offer short video, audio or graphics roundups of their week's activities. Take this content with a grain of salt, as they are produced as self-marketing materials. But they do give us insight into what actions our MoCs feel are the most important to their constituents, and definitely make for worthwhile reviewing! I would not be surprised if we see more lawmakers join this trend.

- PA-01's Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick - [Twitter Link](#) with video
- PA-06's Rep. Chrissy Houlahan - [Twitter Link](#) with video
- PA-07's Rep. Susan Wild - [Twitter link](#) with meme
- PA-14's Rep. Guy Reschenthaler - [Twitter link](#) with podcast

## Casey Quote of the Week

*Courtesy of contributor Linda Houk*

### On infrastructure

"It's mostly woman who are trying to get back to work, who may not need just a physical bridge to get from one place to another, but they may need a care giving bridge that provides quality, affordable childcare."

—from an article in [ButlerRadio.com](#), titled “[Pennsylvania Senators Weigh In On Infrastructure Bills](#)”

## Toomey Quote of the Week

Courtesy of contributor Linda Houk

### On infrastructure

“I think the way we should pay for this increase in infrastructure spending is to repurpose money we’ve already approved but hasn’t gone out the door... But that’s a point of great contention with the Democrats.”

—from an article in [ButlerRadio.com](#), titled “[Pennsylvania Senators Weigh In On Infrastructure Bills](#)”

## Call to Action - Recess Can Wait!



“We’re at that stage of the fight where nobody really knows if we’re maybe winning or maybe losing. Don’t let this fog cloud what \*you\* can do. SHOW UP. Tell the Senate to put off recess til they reform the filibuster and pass the damn democracy bill.” - [Indivisible co-founder Ezra Levin](#)

The *Declaration for American Democracy Coalition*, a group of over 200 organizations (of which Indivisible is one), are calling on lawmakers to NOT leave Washington DC for their typical August recess. [From the website:](#)

In states across the country the freedom to vote is under attack by extremist lawmakers. It is time for Congress to step in and take on this fight to protect our right to vote, and our democracy itself.

The For the People Act must be passed and signed into law before the end of summer in order to go into effect before the 2022 midterms, and to prevent the drawing of hyper-partisan maps that threaten to disenfranchise voters, especially voters of color, for the next decade. The For the People Act would also make voting safer and more accessible, combat government corruption, get big money out of politics, and allow everyday people to run for office – not just millionaires and billionaires.

Congress must pass the For the People Act and cannot let anything stand in its way, including the Jim Crow filibuster. The Senate cannot leave for congressional recess without passing the For the People Act, even if that means delaying recess. #RecessCanWait – our democracy can’t.

Please visit the [Declaration for American Democracy website](#), and get more information about the daily activities they have plotted out for each day this coming week!

MONDAY August 2	TUESDAY August 3	WEDNESDAY August 4	THURSDAY August 5	FRIDAY August 6
<p><b>Poor People's Campaign Moral Monday Action in DC – Faith Leaders + Poor &amp; Low Wage Workers</b></p> <p>Nonviolent moral direct action focused on the US Senate and led by a mass number of clergy and religious leaders with poor and low-wage workers.</p> <p><b>REGISTER HERE</b></p>	<p><b>Recess Can Wait – Our Democracy Can't: For the People Act Rally w/ State Legislators at the Capitol</b></p> <p>State legislators from across the country will join us for a rally outside the Capitol on August 3rd from 12-2pm ET, to demand that Congress stay in session until they pass the For the People Act.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to watch the livestream on the DFAD Facebook Page, August 3 at 12pm ET</a></p> <p><b>REGISTER HERE</b></p>	<p><b>National Call-In Day</b></p> <p>On Wednesday 8/4, we will be hosting a National Call-In Day to drive calls to the Senate in support of the For the People Act and to tell Congress not to break for recess before passing it.</p> <p><b>CALL YOUR SENATOR NOW</b></p>	<p><b>A Conversation on Your Right to Vote</b></p> <p>When we say voting is in danger we are not exaggerating. A handful of politicians in states across the country are trying to enact laws that will create barriers to you exercising your freedom to vote and participate in the decisions that matter in your communities.</p> <p>The Voting Rights Act is one of the most powerful tools we've had for more than 50 years to fight these kinds of efforts. To commemorate the anniversary of the VRA's enactment, we will be talking to those in the fights now and reflect on how history seems to be repeating itself. We'll talk about how the law was updated over time to address evolving patterns of discrimination – and why we must continue that tradition by strengthening the VRA now.</p> <p><a href="#">Join the Leadership Conference live for this important discussion on Facebook Live on Thursday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m [Click Here]</a></p>	<p><b>National Training on the Voting Rights Act, For the People Act &amp; John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act</b></p> <p>Details coming Soon</p>

This report is brought to you by the Pennsylvania MoCTrack team...

CC  
Gary Garb

Linda Houk  
Kierstyn Piotrowski Zolfo

Have you seen an interesting or revealing recent quote from a member of Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation that was not featured in MoCTrack? We are looking for folks who can help us cover what gets into traditional media, especially in the western parts of the state! Please email [KierstynPZ@gmail.com](mailto:KierstynPZ@gmail.com) and put "MoC Quote" in the subject, and please be sure to include a link to the article, the article title, and the full quote (in case your editor gets paywalled). Thanks!