

Monitoring Congressman Patrick Meehan
7th District of PA
Sunday 21 Jan 2018 Edition

KEY POINTS 1/14 – 1/21

- **#HIMTOO (SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS):** Saturday the New York Times revealed that last summer, a former aide of Meehan's filed a complaint with the House Office of Compliance. The aide, decades younger than Meehan, reported unwanted romantic interest from Rep. Meehan (including a handwritten letter). Meehan allegedly became hostile when she did not reciprocate his feelings. The work environment became untenable for the aide and she eventually left her job there. A settlement was reached, however, and Rep. Meehan paid an undisclosed sum to the aide, using taxpayer money from his congressional office. A nondisclosure agreement was signed. The Times article is based on interviews with 10 people (friends and former colleagues). Speaker Ryan immediately removed Rep. Meehan from the Ethics Committee and announced that the committee would start an investigation of Rep. Meehan. Various Democrats are calling for Meehan to resign.
- **TRUMP:** While democrats continue to see results of last November's election as a positive sign, Republicans are struggling with whether to embrace Trump or not. Lots are deciding not to run for re-election. Last Thursday, Pres. Trump spoke at an event in Pittsburg in support of Saccone. Rep. Meehan took time off from his day job to join the event and appear on stage with Pres. Trump. This was before the revelations of Saturday's NYT article.
- **GERRYMANDERING:** Lots of press this week on the start of the PA Supreme Court case. There is buzz that the court might rule in favor of redistricting... and might call for redistricting NOW. The possibility of new boundaries before the May primary is causing all sorts of behind-the-scenes confusion as candidates wait to see what district they might run in.
- **CHIP:** This is what Rep. Meehan wishes we were all talking about right now, and how awesomely supportive of CHIP he is.
- **LEGISLATION:** Rep. Meehan missed all his votes on Saturday, the day the NYT article dropped. He also missed all the daytime votes on Thursday due to his attendance at the Pittsburg event with Pres. Trump. But just in case you need something to be angry about...
 - **HR4712** – "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act". Meehan voted YES. I think the title of this act says it all. It passed the House. On to the Senate.
 - **HR195** – "Continuing Appropriations". I think everyone has heard about the budget situation? Meehan voted YES on the House bill.
- **TRUMPER OR MODERATE?:** Fivethirtyeight Trump score up to 88.9%. Overall voting record at 88.7% with party.

Meehan In The News 1/14 – 1/21

Meehan Sexual Misconduct Allegations – Ethics

Congressman Combating Harassment Settled His Own Misconduct Case

- Katie Rogers & Kenneth P. Vogel, New York Times, 1/20/18
- **Meehan used thousands of taxpayer dollars to settle his own misconduct complaint after a former aide said Meehan made unwanted romantic overtures.** Meehan had long expressed interest in the aide's personal life. She is decades younger than him. But after the aide became seriously involved with someone outside the office last year, **Meehan professed his romantic desires for her (in person, then in a handwritten letter) and became hostile**

when she didn't reciprocate. The aide found work in the office increasingly difficult and initiated the complaint process, working from home and ultimately leaving her job. She eventually signed a confidentiality agreement with Meehan's office which included a monetary settlement to be paid from Meehan's congressional office fund.

- Meehan spokesman Elizandro says **the congressman "denies these allegations" and "has always treated his colleagues, male and female, with the utmost respect and professionalism."** Meehan called on the aide to waive the confidentiality agreement "to ensure a full and open airing of all the facts". **Elizandro reportedly did not respond to questions about why Meehan had agreed to the settlement and confidentiality provision if the allegations were fake.**
- Alexis Ronickher is the **former aide's lawyer and called Meehan's statement "a desperate effort to preserve his career."** Ronickher says Meehan was the one who demanded the confidentiality agreement and that Meehan knows that the aide wants privacy and would not want to waive it at this point.
- The account describe in the **article is based on interviews with 10 people, including friends and former colleagues. The aide followed the recommended procedures for reporting harassment but came away feeling traumatized.**
- The aide was close with Meehan's family and was considered an integral employee in the office. Others say Meehan seemed to favor her over others, and that they saw the favoritism as unprofessional. Meehan reportedly seemed to become jealous when word spread in the office in April 2017 that the aide had a boyfriend. After the professions of attraction and subsequent hostility, the **aide filed her complaint with the congressional Office of Compliance last summer, alleging sexual harassment.**
- **The aide was reportedly demoralized by the handling of the complaint and the aggressive pushback by Meehan office representatives and congressional lawyers, who said she misinterpreted Meehan's behavior.** The aide continued to pay legal costs associated with the complaint even after she left the job and was struggling to find a new job. Moved back in with parents and ultimately decided to move abroad.
- The aide completed the mandated counseling and mediation sessions and the two sides reached an agreement which included the settlement and strict nondisclosure agreement. **The exact settlement amount was unknown and was allowed to be paid disguised as salary and reported months after being made.** Said to be in the thousands.
- In the end, the aide's friends say **the process of dealing with the Office of Compliance left the aide feeling the settlement wasn't worth the emotional distress.**
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/20/us/politics/patrick-meehan-sexual-harassment.html>

Ryan Removes Meehan From Ethics Committee

- Lindsey McPherson, 1/20/18, RollCall.com
- **House Speaker Paul Ryan removed Rep. Patrick Meehan from the Ethics Committee since the panel will now open an investigation into sexual misconduct allegations raised against him.**
- Ryan spokesperson AshLee Strong says, **"Speaker Ryan takes the allegations against Mr. Meehan very seriously. Though Mr. Meehan has denied the allegations, they must be fully and immediately investigated by the House Ethics Committee."**
- **The House is set to pass a bipartisan bill overhauling the process by which it handles sexual harassment claims and Strong says "the speaker will apply these new standards to the allegations made against Mr. Meehan".** The new reforms bar taxpayer money from being used to pay settlements, so Strong says, **"the speaker has also told Mr. Meehan that he should repay whatever taxpayer funds were used to settle this case."**
- Ryan is not yet calling for Meehan's resignation.
- <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/ryan-removes-meehan-ethics-committee>

GOP Rep Loses Spot on Ethics Committee Over Sexual Harassment Settlement

- John Bowden, 1/20/18, The Hill
- In addition to items reported in articles above, add here that Speaker Ryan spoke with Meehan on Saturday and Ryan's spokesperson AshLee Strong said, "Following a conversation with the Speaker today, Mr. Meehan will immediately submit himself to the Ethics Committee for review."
- This is all about the NYT article reporting that Meehan allegedly grew hostile when a former aide did not accept his romantic overtures.
- Drew McGinty, running for Meehan's seat, stated "Meehan was voted in to advocate for the best interests of the 7th district, but instead used his power to personally and financially attack a staffer. His actions are appalling and today I am calling on Meehan to immediately resign from Congress."
- <http://thehill.com/homenews/house/369951-gop-rep-loses-spot-on-ethics-committee-over-sexual-harassment-settlement>

House Ethics Committee Drops Republican Over Taxpayer-Funded Harassment Settlement

- Carla Herreria, 1/20/18, Huffington Post
- Basically an article about the NYT article and the aftermath (Ryan booting Meehan off the Ethics Committee). Points out that the NYT article is based on interviews with 10 people who either worked in Meehan's office or were friends with the aide at the time the alleged harassment took place.
- Reports on Elizandro's responses to the news. Says Elizandro said the former aide was represented by counsel and "made certain assertions of inappropriate behavior which were investigated." Elizandro also said that Meehan "would only act with advice of House Counsel and consistent with House Ethics Committee guidance". Elizandro also says that **Meehan has requested that congressional lawyers release both parties from the confidentiality agreement "to ensure a full and open airing of all the facts"**.
- https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/patrick-meehan-sexual-harassment-settlement_us_5a63b3f4e4b00228300356d5

Rep. Pat Meehan Removed From Ethics Committee After Report He Settled Sexual Misconduct Complaint

- Juana Summers, 1/21/18, CNN
- Same story as earlier ones. Adds another quote from Speaker Ryan's spokesperson that "The speaker is committed to rooting out sexual misconduct in the House and providing victims the resources they need."
- More detail on full statement from **Meehan spokes person John Elizandro: "Throughout his career, he has always treated his colleagues, male and female, with the utmost respect and professionalism. In this case, the employee, represented by counsel, made certain assertions of inappropriate behavior, which were investigated. With respect to resolving any allegation made against the office, Congressman Meehan would only act with advice of House Counsel and consistent with House Ethics Committee guidance. Every step of the process was handled ethically and appropriately. At Congressman Meehan's request, the congressional attorneys handling the case have asked the complainant's counsel to release all parties from the confidentiality requirements of the agreement to ensure a full and open airing of all the facts. The congressman is hopeful that they will agree to this request for full transparency. Rep. Meehan believes there must be real reform to the process for resolving complaints so that those who are truly wronged are given a fair forum to be heard and vindicated, and those accused are provided with an ability to respond to baseless accusations. The public to whom**

elected officials are answerable must be provided with a true sense of the facts and circumstances involved.”

- Alex Ronickher, the attorney for the former aide, said in a statement that Meehan asked her client to waive her confidentiality “so he can deny well-grounded allegations knowing full well that his former staffer prizes her privacy above all else. Mr. Meehan demanded confidentiality to resolve the matter, presumably so that the public would never know that he entered into a settlement of a serious sexual harassment claim. Now that it has become public – due to no fault of my client’s – he has flouted his legal obligations and is speaking publicly. We will not allow our client to be victimized twice by this man. If he further violates the confidentiality strictures he insisted upon and he agreed to, he will leave our client no choice to but seek legal recourse on her behalf.”
- <http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/20/politics/meehan-sexual-misconduct-allegations/index.html>

GOP Lawmaker Removed From Ethics Panel After Report of Misconduct Settlement

- Elise Viebeck, 1/20/18, Washington Post
- Emphasizes that Meehan denies wrongdoing. He did reach a settlement with the aide. Meehan now faces ethics panel investigation.
- No new info here.
- https://www.washingtonpost.com/powerpost/gop-congressman-removed-from-ethics-committee-after-misconduct-settlement-reported/2018/01/20/3a7cf152-fe2c-11e7-8f66-2df0b94bb98a_story.html

Congressman Denies Misconduct Claim; Ethics Probe May Follow

- Marc Levy, AP, 1/20/18, US News and World Report
- Same info, but also...
- The former aide’s lawyer says that Meehan’s idea of getting rid of confidentiality is a “dirty political maneuver” in an effort to save his political career by making it look like he’s being transparent. Ronickher, the attorney, says “Mr. Meehan demanded confidentiality to resolve the matter, presumably so that the public would never know that he entered into a settlement of a serious sexual harassment claim”. Also she says that Meehan “knowingly breached confidentiality in his agreement by discussing the case and the terms of any potential settlement agreement.”
- PA Gov. Tom Wolf is one of many Democrats calling on Meehan to resign.
- <https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2018-01-20/congressman-denies-allegation-in-misconduct-claim-he-settled>

Lancaster County GOP Chairman Says Pat Meehan ‘Should Consider Stepping Down’ if Misconduct Allegations are True

- Lindsey Blest, 1/20/18, Lancaster Online
- In addition to things covered in other articles...
- Lancaster County chairman Dave Dumeyer said via email that Meehan “should consider stepping down” if misconduct is true. Also “I am troubled by the accusations that he paid off a staff member over a misconduct allegation. If this misconduct is true (and I haven’t heard Rep. Meehan’s side of the story), this is unacceptable and he should consider stepping down from the House. This clearly needs to be investigated.”
- About Meehan’s new request to have all parties released from the confidentiality requirements, the former aide’s attorney Alexis Ronickher says “Now that it has become public – due to no fault of my client’s – he has flouted his legal obligations and is speaking publicly. We will not allow our client to be victimized twice by this man.”
- Speaker Ryan reports that Meehan has agreed to be reviewed by the committee. Ryan is not calling for Meehan to resign. Rep. Smucker has no comment.

- Meanwhile Gov Tom Wolf called the alleged misconduct “wrong and unacceptable” and stated “This disturbing report reveals systemic mistreatment of a female victim – both by Congressman Meehan and others with power in Washington. Mr. Meehan should resign and the U.S. House of Representatives should investigate how this matter was handled from top to bottom.”
- Muroff, a Meehan challenger, called on Meehan to resign and described his behavior as “disgraceful”. Also tweeted “If he doesn’t resign, he should be stripped of his committee assignments. It’s just outrageous. It is horrific. I’m just stunned.”
- http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/lancaster-county-gop-chairman-says-pat-meehan-should-consider-stepping/article_45257f60-fe1e-11e7-807b-07284c8ce78b.html

Meehan Faces Sexual Harassment Charge; Booted From House Ethics Committee

- Mike McGann, 1/21/18, Unionville Times
- In addition to the basic outline of the story, this article includes quotes from Brian J. McGinnis, Chair of the **Chester County Democratic Committee. McGinnis says: “It’s time for Congressman Meehan to do what is right not only for himself but for the voters of the 7th Congressional District and resign. Sexually harassing a co-worker and using taxpayer funds as a settlement proves he is no longer fit for office.”**
- Elizabeth Moro, another candidate to replace Meehan says, “Today I joined with countless women across the country to demand equal treatment and speak out against sexual harassment. While we united, it was revealed that Rep. Meehan – a member of the House Ethics Committee – used his position of power to sexually harass a member of his staff and then employed public funds to be used as hush money in a settlement. Pat Meehan felt that taxpayer dollars weren’t needed to provide essential healthcare to women, including young girls who rely on CHIP, but they were needed to try and silence a victim of his sexual misconduct. This is the culture we marched against today.”
- Further quotes from McGinty and Muroff.
- <http://www.unionvilletimes.com/?p=38149>

House Ethics Member Reportedly Settled Sexual Misconduct Case With Taxpayer Money

- Marie Andruszewicz, 1/21/18, NPR
- Nothing new vs above.
- <https://www.npr.org/2018/01/21/579478236/house-ethics-member-reportedly-settled-sexual-misconduct-case-with-taxpayer-mone>

OK. There are a guzzillion more articles. I’ve run out of steam and am moving on. I hope everyone gets the idea. Google it if you want more. Tons of national coverage.

Gerrymandering Lawsuit – Election 2018

Gerrymandering Case Sows Doubt in Big Year for House Races

- Marc Levy, AP, San Francisco Chronicle, 1/15/18
- Article about how **the PA Supreme court might order new boundaries for PA congressional districts, before the primary. Creating uncertainty just a month before candidates need to circulate petitions.**
- Last week state Supreme Court heard arguments. Distribution of court is 5-2 Dem-Rep.
- In PA, where Democratic voters outnumber Republican voters 5:4, Republicans through gerrymandering won 13 of 18 seats in congress.
- Meanwhile on Feb. 13 candidates for congress start circulating petitions to get on the primary. Paperwork due Mar. 6. Primary is May 15.

- **State election officials testified that the primary can still be held May 15 if a new map is in place before Feb.21. Alternatively, a primary could be held as late as July 31 providing until early April to install new maps.**
- Even without redistricting, Democrats are said to have a shot at at least one PA seat where the incumbent Republican isn't running again and also targeting other districts, like Meehan's 7th.
- <http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/us/article/Gerrymandering-case-sows-doubt-in-big-year-for-12499003.php>

Editorial: Gerrymandering Foes Take Case to PA High Court

- Editorial, 1/16/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Observes that **Commonwealth Court Judge Brobson confirmed a few weeks ago that 2011 congressional redistricting was “more about politics than people”. But he went on to say that he didn't feel the process violated the state constitution.** His recommendation was passed up to the state Supreme Court.
- Now PA Supreme Court case has started.
- District 7 is a star in all these proceedings.
- Author suggests “gerrymandering undermines faith in the democratic process”.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180116/editorial-gerrymandering-foes-take-case-to-pa-high-court>

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Hears Congressional Gerrymandering Case

- Steve Esack, 1/17/18, Allentown Morning Call
- Another one about the gerrymandering case before the PA Supreme Court. Observes that the choices are to follow the lower court's recommendation from last month and uphold the current maps, or delay implementation of any changes until 2020.
- League of Women Voters side says the current maps have no basis in geography or compactness. Argues that the maps were drawn strictly to give the Republicans enough voters to give their candidates unfair advantages at the polls, creating “**viewpoint discrimination**”.
- Their lawyers say, they are “looking at leveling the playing field”.
- **The other side says the maps should stand. Nothing illegal about using partisan politics to draw the congressional maps. They even argued that 5 democrats wouldn't be running for Meehan's seat in the 7th unless it was a competitive seat.**
- <http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-nws-pennsylvania-supreme-court-gerrymander-congress-20180117-story.html>

PA Supreme Court Weighs Partisan Congressional Map

- Rick Kauffman, 1/17/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Another one about the PA Supreme Court case. Observes that Meehan's 7th, which stretches across Chester, Montgomery, Berks, Lancaster, and Delaware Counties, was “highly scrutinized”.
- Senator Leach attended the proceedings and was described as still a candidate vying for Meehan's seat. According to the article, “Leach said while the court decides that constitutionality of the district lines, his candidacy remains in flux.” So far Leach has not officially dropped out of the campaign, even though under pressure from various democratic leaders to do so.
- Leach is betting the districts will get redrawn and the 7th in its current form will cease to exist.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/general-news/20180117/pa-supreme-court-weighs-partisan-congressional-map>

How Severe Gerrymandering Impacts Montgomery County

- Justin Heinze 1/18/18, Patch.com
- Another article about the PA Supreme Court case. PA's 7th is described as “the most absurd example of gerrymandering in Pennsylvania and perhaps the nation”.
- Describes a New York Times study with visualizations of various map options in PA. Current system in PA borrows from Democratic strongholds and looping those voters into Republican districts further away. This dilutes the Democratic vote.
- Three congressional districts cover Montgomery County: 7th, 13th, and 6th.
- Reviews the options from the NYT article and how the party makeup of Montgomery County representation might change in the future, in Congress.
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/lansdale/how-severe-gerrymandering-impacts-montgomery-county>

How Severe Gerrymandering Impacts Chester County

- Justin Heinze 1/18/18, Patch.com
- Obviously a follow on to the Montgomery County article mentioned above. So here, will only focus on the Chester County bits.
- District 7 described as the most absurd example of gerrymandering in PA, and perhaps the country. Represented by Meehan.
- Chester County contains the 6th and the 7th Congressional Districts. Article suggests that various versions of nonpartisan redistricted maps could turn these districts to democratic candidates.
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/phoenixville/how-severe-gerrymandering-impacts-chester-county>

How Severe Gerrymandering Impacts Delaware County

- Justin Heinze 1/18/18, Patch.com
- I think you get the idea now.
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/marplenevtown/how-severe-gerrymandering-impacts-delaware-county>

Anti-Trump Fervor – Election 2018

Outrage Over Trump is Helping Democrats Win Elections

- Dave Davies, 1/16/18, WHYY
- About the post-Trump democratic enthusiasm.
- David Landau, chairman of **Delaware County's Democratic party** said **“We have literally thousands of people, including most of our candidates [for county office] who woke up on November 9th and just said, ‘I’m part of the problem that elected Donald Trump because I haven’t been active, and I need to do something’”**.
- In Philadelphia, City Commissioner Al Schmidt compared turnout by age group vs primary four years ago: **“Among the youngest age cohort, or millennial voters, their participation increased by nearly 300 percent”**.
- Author observes that Democrats in November 2017 made historic wins in Delaware, Chester and Bucks Counties.
- Brian McGuinness, Chester County Democratic Chairman, said “People can say what they want, but Trump was on the ballot, and his policies were on the ballot. We wanted to make this a statement election.”
- **Democratic party leaders say that last November's wins are a pathway to 2018. Landau says, “It allows us to set up the infrastructure, show our success, and creates both the**

perception and the reality that we can take back the 7th Congressional District, and pick up a few more state house seats and state senate seats.”

- **GOP media strategist John Brabender says he is concerned about Democratic surge in the counties. But says Meehan, Costello, Fitzpatrick have plenty of local support and says that in 2016, they each got more votes than Trump did. Brabender says “Despite Donald Trump either barely winning their districts or not winning their district, they won by double digits last time.”**
- <https://why.org/articles/outrage-trump-helping-democrats-win-elections/>

Republicans are Running in 2018. Running From Trump

- Eric Bradner and Chris Cillizza, 1/18/18, The Point CNN
- **Observes that in the House, many senior Republicans, including 8 committee chairs, are retiring vs running for re-election.** Others are declining pleas from Trump and McConnell to join the races. These actions are all taken as a sign that folks are worried about the midterms.
- Describes GOP base as experiencing “relative apathy”.
- **Says “GOP operatives involved in 2018 races say that as Trump’s self-made controversies siphon attention away from the economy, they are increasingly concerned they won’t be able to sell their own message in a way that convinces voters to see the midterm election as anything but a referendum on Trump.”**
- Goes through a bunch of stuff on different states. **For PA: “Rep. Pat Meehan passed on the Senate race, leaving Republicans with Rep. Lou Barletta, a Trump ally in a year where that’s a politically damaging label.”**
- <http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/18/politics/republicans-2018-recruiting-retirements/index.html>

Pro-Trump Fervor – Election 2018

Trump Says Tax Plan ‘at the Center of America’s Resurgence’ in Pennsylvania Stop

- Wes Venteicher, 1/18/18, Allegheny Tribune Review
- **Trump came to speak at a heavy equipment company outside Pittsburg on Thursday.** Trump extolled the benefits of the GOP tx plan. Mostly Trump came to support Rick Saccone in the special congressional election coming up in March.
- **Pat Meehan was in attendance at the event.**
- <http://triblive.com/local/allegheny/13195970-74/trump-arrives-in-western-pennsylvania-scheduled-to-speak-at-north-fayette-business>

Trump Returns to Pennsylvania Touting Tax Cuts, the Economy, and a Little Politics

- Salena Zito, 1/18/18, Washington Examiner
- Billed as an event to support tax bill, Trump tweeted that he was going to PA to support Rick Saccone for Congress.
- Trump arrived at the event with various GOP members from PA in his entourage, including Meehan. Article contains a picture of Trump on stage with the various folks, including Meehan.



- *President Trump stands with many of the Pennsylvania delegation during an official visit at H&K Equipment, a...*
- This is PA District 18.
- Various quotes from Trump touting the tax bill benefits.
- Two pro-Trump groups have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on the race and the Congressional Leadership Fund opened two campaign offices in the district.
- Running against Saccone is Connor Lamb.
- <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/trump-returns-to-pennsylvania-touting-tax-cuts-the-economy-and-a-little-politics/article/2646385>

Democratic Challengers – Election 2018

Is WIP Sports Radio Host Glen Macnow Running for Congress?

- Holly Otterbein, 1/18/18, Philly.com Inquirer
- **Glen Macnow, WIP sports radio host, “gave very serious thought” to challenging Meehan for Congress this year. Ultimately decided against running.**
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/wip-host-glen-macnow-running-congress-20180118.html>

CHIP – Healthcare

Meehan Rallies for Fix for the CHIP Children’s Health Program

- Kathleen Carey, 1/16/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- **Meehan visited CHOP Primary Care Clinic to say he is committed to fighting for CHIP. Meehan says 180,000 children in PA are covered through CHIP, with more than 10,000 of them in Delaware County.**
- Meehan says, **“Almost 15 percent of children before CHIP were not covered in health care. Through CHIP, (it’s been) reduced ... to about 5 percent of children without health care coverage, which is remarkable and I think a great accomplishment.”**
- As part of Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan group, Meehan says he’s been working to find a deal on DACA. Meehan says, **“We will have proposal that we will put forward to try to get to ‘yes’ but it’s uncertain what’s going to happen this week. As we await an outcome on the budgets and issues like DACA, what I’m here today to do is fight to make sure that we don’t get CHIP pulled into that.”**
- Meehan says PA can continue CHIP through February.
- Meehan says, **“One of the things that we’re trying to make certain as we go into this budget cycle, regardless of what happens to other programs, we want to make sure that CHIP is fully funded not just for this year but for the long term... for 10 years.”**

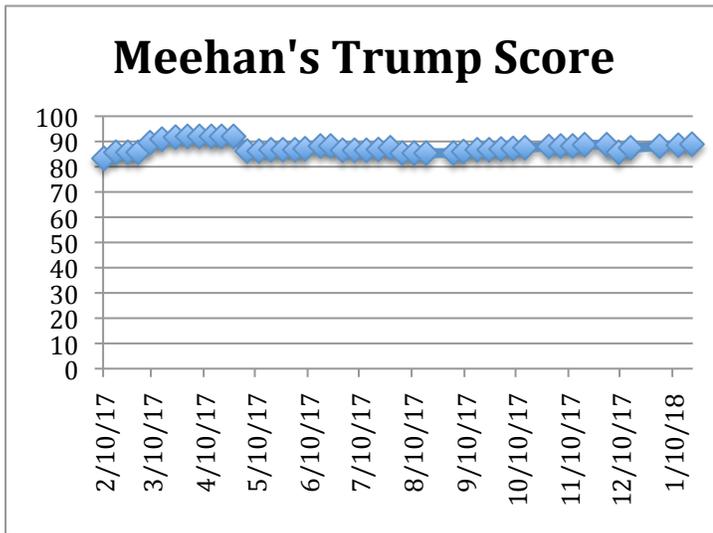
- Meehan says analysts say that over 10 years, CHIP would save \$6 billion in health care costs.
- CHOP says peoples are already asking if some things will be covered or not. Worried about interruption in care.
- Meehan says, **“These are real children, these are real families, these are people who are going to be impacted not only from the ability of the system to deliver care but also for what it could mean to the health of the child and to the economic resources of the family, who could be stood on their head.”**
- Democratic candidates for Meehan’s slot had their own input...
- McGinty campaign: “While it’s encouraging that Patrick Meehan is finally addressing the funding of the Children’s Health Insurance Program, his actions are no more than a last-minute scramble to cover for his negligence. Instead of making CHIP funding his number one legislative priority, Meehan spent a considerable amount of time ensuring that his campaign donors and corporate contributors received a massive tax cut at the expense of middle class families in Pennsylvania ... Meehan should have been on top of this months ago. His actions over the last two months show exactly where his priorities lay and voters in the 7th district will be sure to not forget about this in November.”
- Moro campaign: “The fact that health care for underprivileged children and threats of deportation are bargaining chips in a budgetary showdown is beyond unconscionable. Pat Meehan can visit hospital facilities to clear his conscience if he wants. The reality remains that without adequate protections for Dreamers and sufficient funding for CHIP, the Republican-controlled Congress would be creating a country where frightened children could be dragged from their beds and families could be robbed of a program that makes prescription medications and mental health services affordable. Americans deserve true leadership. This is not it.”
- Sheehan campaign: “The children of Pennsylvania do not need a photo op with their representative. They needed Pat Meehan to be a fierce advocate for their health care a long time ago. He should be fighting for their healthcare, not using children’s coverage and the financial integrity of our pediatric health system as bargaining chips.”
- Muroff campaign: “There are two Pat Meehans one who says nice things when in the district and the other who does the exact opposite when it matters most. The fact is Pat Meehan votes exactly the way Paul Ryan and Donald Trump direct him to. Meehan’s record in DC has been to undermine healthcare for those who need it most while cutting taxes for those who need it least. He has lost touch with the values of his constituents.”
- Leach campaign: Did not respond to request for comment.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/article/DC/20180116/NEWS/180119741>

Darts & Laurels: Underdog Eagles Represent the Philly Region

- Opinion, 1/19/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Gives “laurel” to Meehan for fighting for CHIP.
- Also credits Meehan (and Costello here) for enouncing Trump’s vulgar characterization of Haiti and some African countries.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180119/darts-amp-laurels-underdog-eagles-represent-the-philly-region>

Meehan General Floor Votes 1/14 – 1/21

Five Thirty-Eight’s Trump Score for Meehan as of 1/21/18 = 88.9%
Meehan’s votes against party score (per pro publica) = 11.3%



From GovTrack, supplemented by house.gov and Countable info...(remember, reverse chronological order)

On Motion to Fix the Convening Time

House Vote #43
 Jan 20, 2018 7:10 p.m.
 Passed 394/0 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On Agreeing to the Resolution: H RES 708 Waiving a Requirement of Clause 6(A) of Rule XIII with Respect to Consideration of Certain Resolutions Reported from the Committee on Rules, and Providing for Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules

House Vote #42
 Jan 20, 2018 6:54 p.m.
 Passed 235/170 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On Ordering the Previous Question: H RES 708 Waiving a Requirement of Clause 6(A) of Rule XIII with Respect to Consideration of Certain Resolutions Reported from the Committee on Rules, and Providing for Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules

House Vote #41
 Jan 20, 2018 6:48 p.m.
 Passed 224/180 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair: H RES 708 Waiving a Requirement of Clause 6(A) of Rule XIII with Respect to Consideration of Certain Resolutions Reported from the Committee on Rules, and Providing for Consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules

House Vote #40
 Jan 20, 2018 5:11 p.m.
 Passed 224/173 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

Call of the House

House Vote #39
 Jan 20, 2018 12:45 p.m.
 Result: Passed **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On Ordering a Call of the House

House Vote #38

Jan 20, 2018 12:29 p.m.

Passed 224/150 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On Motion to Adjourn

House Vote #37

Jan 19, 2018 11:43 a.m.

Failed 1/418 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

H.R. 4712: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

House Vote #36

Jan 19, 2018 11:26 a.m.

Passed 241/183 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

Countable says: “This bill — known as the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act — would require healthcare providers to give “reasonably diligent and conscientious care” to an infant born-alive following an attempted abortion. Providers would have to take appropriate steps to save the infant’s life given its age and health, and immediately transport and admit the infant to the hospital. Failing to comply with those requirements would be punishable by fines or up to five years in prison, and if a person’s actions actively lead to the death of a born-alive infant they could be tried for murder. The mother of the child couldn’t be prosecuted under this bill, as it only applies to healthcare providers.

If a healthcare provider, or an employee of a physician’s office, hospital, or abortion clinic knows about a failure to comply with these requirements, they are legally responsible for reporting the incident to a state or federal law enforcement agency.

Women who give birth to born-alive infants could file civil lawsuits against healthcare providers. The loser of the civil suit would pay the winner’s attorney’s fees, and legal awards could include:

- Compensation for physical and psychological injury.
- Statutory damages up to three times the cost of the abortion or attempted abortion.
- And punitive damages.”

On Motion to Table: H.Res. 705: Impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, of high misdemeanors.

House Vote #35

Jan 19, 2018 11:16 a.m.

Passed 355/66 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

This was a vote to kill a resolution impeaching President Donald Trump. It was the second vote on impeachment since the President took office. As expected the resolution did not move forward, losing with 355 votes to kill the resolution. Most members of both parties voted to kill the resolution,

H.R. 1660: Global Health Innovation Act of 2017

House Vote #34

Jan 18, 2018 7:43 p.m.

Passed 423/3 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass in the House

Countable says: "Global Health Innovation Act of 2017 This bill directs the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to report to Congress, annually for four years, on the development and use of global health innovations in USAID programs, projects, and activities."

H.R. 195: Continuing appropriations through February 16, 2018

House Vote #33

Jan 18, 2018 7:36 p.m.

Passed 230/197 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

This was a vote to make H.R. 195 the vehicle for passage for short-term continuing appropriations through Feb. 16, 2018, averting a government shutdown when a previous short-term funding bill expires at the end of Jan. 19, 2018. With this vote, the House replaced the previous text of H.R. 195

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Countable says: "This bill was amended from its original form to serve as the legislative vehicle for extending government funding through February 16, 2018; reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for six years; provide missile defense funding; and extend delays to healthcare taxes imposed by the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare). The government is currently set to run out of funding on January 19, 2018. Originally, the bill restricted the distribution of free, printed copies of the Federal Register to members of Congress and other officers and employees of the U.S. A summary of the bill in its current form can be found below.

Continuing Resolution

This section of the bill would provide funding to keep the government operating at its current spending levels through February 16, 2018. It would also provide funding for missile defense activities, NASA space programs, the Dept. Agriculture's Electronic Benefits Transfer summer program, Small business Administration 7(a) loans, and make adjusts to subsidized Section 8 housing vouchers for areas affected by major disasters.

CHIP Reauthorization

This section of the bill would extend funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through fiscal year 2023. Additionally, it'd reauthorize the following through FY2022:

- Qualifying-states option, which lets states that provided coverage to now CHIP-eligible children prior to CHIP's enactment continue to provide coverage.
- Express-lane eligibility option, which allows states to use eligibility finding from other public benefit programs to determine children's eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP.

Beginning in fiscal year 2020, state child-health plans would be allowed to adopt more restrictive eligibility standards for children in families whose income exceeds 300 percent of the poverty line.

The bill would extend funding for the Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project and the Pediatric Quality Measures Program through 2023. Funding for outreach and enrollment grants would also be extended, and "parent-mentors" trained to assist families with children who don't have health insurance would be eligible to receive them.

Under current law states are provided with an enhanced Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) through fiscal year 2019. This bill would maintain the enhanced FMAP in fiscal year 2020 before returning to the pre-Obamacare matching rate in FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023.

Healthcare Tax Provisions

The imposition of a 2.3 percent medical device tax would be delayed for two years, so it wouldn't apply during the 2018 or 2019 calendar years. The so-called "Cadillac tax", which taxes high-cost employer healthcare coverage, would be delayed until 2022 instead of taking effect in 2020. The annual tax on health insurers would be delayed by one year so that it wouldn't take effect in calendar year 2019."

H.R. 2954: Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act

House Vote #32

Jan 18, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Passed 243/184 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

Countable says: "This bill would exempt financial institutions that originate less than 500 closed-end mortgage loans or less than 500 open-end lines of credit annually from recordkeeping and disclosure requirements under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA). Currently, institutions are required to periodically report to financial regulators about the number and dollar value of closed-end mortgages and open-end lines of credit originated or purchased each year."

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: H.R. 2954: Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act

House Vote #31

Jan 18, 2018 7:23 p.m.

Failed 191/236 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

H.Res. 694: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4712) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted

House Vote #30

Jan 18, 2018 3:22 p.m.

Passed 228/189 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On the Resolution in the House

On Ordering the Previous Question: H.Res. 694: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4712) to amend title 18, United ...

House Vote #29

Jan 18, 2018 3:14 p.m.

Passed 229/190 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

H.Res. 696: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 195) to amend title 44, United States Code, to restrict the distribution of free printed copies of the Federal Register to Members of Congress and other officers and employ

House Vote #28

Jan 18, 2018 3:06 p.m.

Passed 226/194 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

On the Resolution in the House

[On Ordering the Previous Question: H.Res. 696: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill \(H.R. 195\) to ...](#)

House Vote #27

Jan 18, 2018 2:58 p.m.

Passed 229/191 **MEEHAN NO VOTE**

[On Approving the Journal](#)

House Vote #26

Jan 17, 2018 5:52 p.m.

Passed 225/185 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

[H.R. 4279: Expanding Investment Opportunities Act](#)

House Vote #25

Jan 17, 2018 5:44 p.m.

Passed 418/2 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

Countable says: “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act (Sec. 2) This bill directs the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise registration rules to allow a closed-end company to use offering and proxy rules currently available to other issuers of securities, thereby reducing filing requirements and restrictions on communications with investors in certain circumstances. (A closed-end company is a publicly traded investment management company that sells a limited number of shares to investors in an initial public offering.)”

[H.R. 3326: World Bank Accountability Act of 2017](#)

House Vote #24

Jan 17, 2018 5:37 p.m.

Passed 237/184 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

Countable says: “This bill — known as the World Bank Accountability Act — would authorize the appropriation of about \$3.3 billion over the 2018-2020 period for the United States’ share of the 18th replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA), which is part of the World Bank. The Secretary of the Treasury would be required to withhold up to 30 percent of that contribution unless they certify to Congress that the World Bank and IDA are adopting institutional reforms aimed at promoting accountability in its poverty reduction initiatives and fighting corruption in each of the three preceding fiscal years.

The bill would require the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the U.S. Executive Director at the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to use the voice and vote of the U.S. to oppose assistance to governments that have failed to implement sanctions required by U.N. Security Council resolution that’s in effect (such as the one targeting North Korea).”