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**Heller Wants Action on No Budget, No Pay**

**Washington, D.C** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) is requesting that his [No Budget, No Pay Act](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=A9CB3CA3-2926-493F-8955-F6BEEFE63653) be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2018 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, a federal spending bill that prioritizes funding to Congress and must be approved prior to October 1, 2017. The No Budget, No Pay Act requires Members of Congress to pass a budget and all appropriations bills on-time each year in order to receive their paycheck.

In a letter to U.S. Senator James Lankford (R-OK), Chairman of the Senate Legislative Branch Subcommittee, and U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), Ranking Member of the Senate Legislative Branch Subcommittee, Heller cited that Congress has continuously failed to pass a bicameral budget resolution and all appropriations bills by the beginning of each fiscal year. By incorporating No Budget, No Pay into the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill, Congress would be forced to return to passing all 12 spending bills and a bicameral budget on time each year or face the consequences of no pay.

**The letter reads in full below:**

The Honorable James Lankford

Chairman of the Senate Legislative Branch Subcommittee

U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

S-128, the Capitol

Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Murphy

Ranking Member of the Senate Legislative Branch Subcommittee

U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

125 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

*Dear Chairman Lankford and Ranking Member Murphy:*

*As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2018 appropriations process, I write to respectfully request that my legislation the No Budget, No Pay Act (S.14), be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2018 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill.*

*It has become a tradition in Washington, D.C. for Congress to fail to pass a bicameral budget resolution and all appropriations bills by the beginning of each fiscal year.  Missed deadlines are now so common that Congress annually depends on continuing resolutions and large omnibus spending bills.*

*Your Subcommittee has the unique opportunity to finally hold Members accountable to the American public by including my No Budget, No Pay Act in your legislative draft.  The No Budget, No Pay Act says if Members of Congress do not pass an annual bicameral budget resolution and all twelve spending bills on time each year, then they would not get paid.*

*The No Budget, No Pay Act will force Members to their job and will repair Congress’ broken budget and appropriations process.  I have attached the legislative language of my No Budget, No Pay Act for your convenience.  Should you have any questions, please contact me or my staff, Scott Riplinger, at 202-224-6244.  Thank you for consideration of my request.*

*Sincerely,*

*DEAN HELLER*

*U.S. Senator*

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