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**Heller Highlights Comprehensive Energy Bill Priorities***Discusses his amendments to spur innovation, create jobs, increase domestic energy supply and mineral production, and reduce regulations***(Washington, DC)** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke on the Senate floor regarding the [*Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015*](http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=legislation&id=87D9E1CF-1B96-4815-9D05-387798EFAEA7) ([S. 2012](http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File_id=56a384df-cffa-44eb-a1f4-540a72ab6b0f)). During his speech, Heller emphasized Nevada’s intricate role in clean energy production and in research and development on energy efficiency and other alternative technologies that are critical to the nation’s energy future. He also highlighted his provisions included in S. 2012, as well as the amendments he offered to the legislation. Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCFU7IQT5vo) or below to watch Senator Heller’s speech.

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| *“Energy is not only one of Nevada’s but overall, one of our nation’s greatest assets.* *“But Congress has not enacted comprehensive energy legislation in nearly a decade, so it is time to reform federal policies to reflect the energy and natural resources challenges of the 21st century.”*For Senator Heller’s full remarks, click [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=remarks-as-prepared_1). **Background:** Senator Heller offered five amendments to S. 2012, **a bipartisan energy bill focused on addressing national energy opportunities and challenges, saving energy, increasing domestic energy and mineral supplies, facilitating investment into critical infrastructure, improving grid security, and boosting international trade. Below is a list of amendments Senator Heller offered. You can click** [HERE](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=8eb1c603-aa31-4e57-aa86-c33ad82f0f26) **for background information on each one.** * ***Heller-Heinrich-Risch-Tester-Gardner-Wyden-Bennet-Daines-Udall Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Amendment* (**[No. 3212](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/b05e6f7f-6537-4fbc-9cb4-e2be0a010bc6/Heller-Heinrich-Risch-Tester-Gardner-Bennet-3212%20%28Updated%29.pdf)**)**
* ***Heller-Reed Energy Storage Amendment* (**[No. 3231](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/6cad2c4d-5ef0-4c8a-ab9f-e32ea122611c/Heller-Reed%20Battery%20Storage%20Amendment%20%28Updated%29%203231.pdf)**)**
* ***Reed-Heller Energy Storage Amendment* (**[No. 2989](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/e0d3bf6c-6698-4dce-9797-57c4f45111d1/Reed-Heller%20Energy%20Storage%20R%26D%20Amendment%202989.pdf)**) PASSED the U.S. Senate yesterday, February 2, 2016**
* ***Heller Environmental Protection Agency Accountability Amendment* (**[No. 2995](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/afa12f02-73d2-44f7-9aa9-dfd9741aadb9/Heller%20EPA%20Accountability%20Amendment%202995.pdf)**)**
* ***Heller Financial Assurance Amendment* (**[No. 2994](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/c8804385-1581-4e35-a67f-c96dde9982a6/Heller%20Financial%20Assurance%20Amendment%202994.pdf)**)**

**Two of Heller’s provisions, including the *Public Land Job Creation Act* (**[S.113](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s113is/pdf/BILLS-114s113is.pdf)**)and the *Geothermal Exploration Opportunities (GEO) Act*** ([S.562](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/9fdfd9fb-e6c4-4ede-bbab-270b65dcb7e2/GEO%20Act%202%2025%2015.pdf)), **were** [already included](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=8eb1c603-aa31-4e57-aa86-c33ad82f0f26) **in S. 2012.** **###** |

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