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**Heller XXXXXXX** **(Washington, DC)** –Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke at the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs hearing titled, “Pending Health Care Legislation.” The hearing addressed two pieces of legislation introduced by Senator Heller, the [Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act of 2015 (S.417)](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=3edf4cbe-8e98-45e6-8472-3530376f3f18) and the Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act of 2015 (S.114). You can click HERE or below to watch the video.

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| VIDEO**Background:** **Summary of Women Veterans Access to Care Act** * Require VA health care facilities to meet the specific needs of women veterans and integrate these standards into prioritization for construction projects.
* Analyze women’s health outcomes as a performance measure for VA medical center executives.
* Require every VA medical center to have a full-time obstetrician or gynecologist.
* Improve outreach to veterans by requiring VA to provide state veterans agencies with contact information for veterans.
* Conduct GAO study of VA’s ability to meet the needs of women veterans and their privacy and security in VA facilities.

**Summary of Veterans Affairs Research Transparency Act*** Establishes a new website to make VA research data available to the public.
* Requires the Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee to submit recommendations on the establishment of a data –sharing program between VA and DOD in order to better facilitate research.
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