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**In Case You Missed It: Nevada Media Highlights Heller-Backed Bills to Support the State’s Veterans**

**Washington, D.C. –** Astwo major pieces of legislation championed and crafted by U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) to support Nevada’s 300,000 veterans head to the President’s desk for his signature, Nevada media outlets sounded off on how the proposals will benefit the state’s military and veteran communities.

As a senior member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Heller played a critical role last week in [Senate passage of his bill S.114](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=C66FEB22-4034-494C-9529-989AEC72AC7D), which sustains funding for the Choice Program. Additionally, landmark legislation to improve Nevada’s veterans’ education benefits and enhance the post-9/11 G.I. Bill was [also approved by the U.S. Senate with three provisions authored by Heller](https://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=B04FCE07-CA20-461C-AC40-2FEBAB024588).



[**Nevada’s Heller sponsors measure covering care outside system**](http://pvtimes.com/news/nevada-s-heller-sponsors-measure-covering-care-outside-system#sthash.YQ1ykVuC.dpbs) **Pahrump Valley Times
By Gary Martin, Special to the Pahrump Valley Times***The VA Choice fix, providing $2.1 billion in emergency funding, was sponsored by U.S. Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nevada, to help veterans get medical care outside the VA health system. “The program also allows veterans living in rural areas to receive care near their homes,” Heller said. “Without funding for the program, rural veterans, like those in Ely, Elko, Winnemucca and Tonopah, would have to drive hundreds of miles to get care.”*

[**Senate OKs sweeping reform of the GI bill**](https://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/senate-oks-sweeping-reform-of-the-gi-bill/) **Las Vegas Review-Journal
By Gary Martin***Heller added several amendments to the bill in the Veterans’ Affairs Committee to include expanded coverage for reservists and guardsmen, create a pilot program for computer programming, and specifically address benefits lost by the closure of ITT Technical Institute and other for-profit schools.*

[**Congress comes together, finds common ground to bills for vets**](http://www.lasvegasnow.com/news/congress-comes-together-finds-common-ground-to-bills-for-vets/783628941) **8 News Now Las Vegas, KLAS-TV
By Patrick Walker** *And this week, the United States Senate advanced several bills, notably, the Expansion of Choice Act which allows veterans in areas without VA facilities to get those same services in their communities. "They can go to their local hospitals and get the treatment that they want, instead of having to travel hundreds of miles," said Sen. Dean Heller, R-NV.*

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