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U.S. Senator Dean Heller

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**Heller Statement on Continuing Resolution**

**(Washington, DC)** – U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) issued the following statement after voting in support of the Continuing Resolution (H.J.Res.117):

“I am pleased that this bill contained critical funding for our troops overseas and our veterans. Our nation’s heroes should not be held hostage by political posturing and I am grateful that we were able to come together to provide support. Unfortunately, yet again we find ourselves voting on a continuing resolution. This wouldn’t be necessary had the Senate actually done its job and passed a long-term budget. It has been three and a half years since Congress passed a budget, which is why I introduced No Budget, No Pay. The message is simple - if Members of Congress don’t do their job, they shouldn’t be paid,” said Senator Heller.

Frustrated with Congress’ consistent failure to pass a budget, Senator Heller introduced the No Budget, No Pay Act (S. 1981) on July 28, 2011. It has been nearly 1,300 days since the Senate has passed a budget. The No Budget, No Pay Act requires Congress to pass a concurrent budget resolution and related appropriations bills in order to receive pay. Pay is not awarded retroactively if Congress passes a budget after the deadline has passed.

In May, Senator Heller sent a [letter](http://heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/91797e5b-ede0-46f7-86bf-d2a374da41c6/NBNP%205.14.12.pdf) to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) asking them to schedule a vote on the No Budget, No Pay Act. On May 15, 2012 Heller [spoke](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfdp2CXzJD0&list=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DTfdp2CXzJD0&list=UUTS6f940sIirkO6ICyx4ksw&index=0&feature=plcp) on the Senate floor about the importance of the bill.

The [Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW)](http://heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/bbfcd376-e44a-4550-9250-27bdff6d5854/CWG%20No%20Budget.3.5.12.pdf) and [Americans for Prosperity](http://heller.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/af1a8a9c-060f-4fc9-8695-bcf96718d60c/AFP%20No%20Budget,%20No%20Pay%203.9.12.pdf) have endorsed Heller’s No Budget, No Pay Act.

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