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**Heller Files Two Bipartisan Vets Amendments to NDAA Legislation***Seeks to Create Additional Legislative Victories for Vets in 2016 NDAA* **(Washington, DC)**– Recently, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) filed two amendments to the Senate National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), specifically focused on improving and enhancing the experiences of America’s veterans with government entities. The amendments were cosponsored by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA). Senator Heller issued the following statement:    “As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, improving delivery of health care and benefits to America’s veterans remains a strong focus of mine. Congress should hold federal agencies like the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs accountable to this promise to our brave men and women in uniform who have already sacrificed so much. These amendments prevent needless delays and ensure a higher quality of care for our veterans,” **stated Senator Heller.**    Background on Amendments:1. ***DOD/VA Transfer of Records Amendment –*** Requires the Department of Defense to transfer to the Department of Veterans Affairs any records requested for a veteran’s disability claim within 30 days.
2. ***Guard and Reserve Health Equity Amendment*** *–*Requires the Department of Defense to perform mandatory physical examinations for all separating and retiring members of the Reserve components.

A PDF of each amendment is attached with this release.The United States Senate has already passed two of Senator Heller’s 2016 NDAA amendments focused on America’s veterans, [the Interoperable Electronic Health Record Amendment](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=7da05ac1-6168-448c-8f58-d4bfb4e229de) and [the Protecting the Defense Commissary Benefit Amendment](http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=ff2b3df3-4247-4cca-bab5-d17b392c2a0e). ###http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_fb.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_tw.png http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/vendor/_skins/heller/images/newsletter/icon_yt.png |