

# Heller appointed to replace Ensign in Senate

By Las Vegas Sun

Gov. Brian Sandoval appointed Rep. Dean Heller today to fill the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. John Ensign.

Sandoval said last week that he would appoint Ensign's replacement before his May 3 resignation. The appointment of Heller was widely expected.

Sun columnist Jon Ralston reported the appointment late this morning.

Sandoval had already endorsed Heller for Senate in 2012, and given the boost Heller will get from assuming the title of "senator" and the experience and incumbency that comes with it, Heller seemed his most sensible choice.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid issued a statement welcoming Heller to the Senate.

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