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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Easter Observances, 1954 April 8
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on April 8th, 1964, and played on WDOV on April 14th, 1954.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear reports again to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you. We are now in the final days of the Lenten season, which will be climaxed with the great Christian observance of Easter. During this period, which we call “Holy week,” millions of Christians throughout the world are devoting special attention to their individual churches where services of worship are taking place to commemorate the events leading up to Easter itself. It is indeed fitting that all of us should give serious thought and meditation to the religious significance to this period of the year. For certainly, the unhappy state of world affairs is convincing evidence that mankind cannot solve the problems that confront him without the benefit of divine guidance. Over a vast area of the world, practically all forms of religion are being suppressed by a ruthless dictatorship which places every human being at the disposal of the state instead of permitting him to live in dignity and to enjoy the right of religious worship, as was intended. Against this menace of communism, we are mustering all of our material strength. We have developed weapons of such colossal power that they can destroy cities, and perhaps even nations, in a matter of seconds. Such preparations are surely necessary in light of similar efforts by our enemies. And yet, there is not one loyal person among us who does not fervently hope that another world conflict is never again visited on mankind. But the anxiety and uncertainty confronting us calls for more than mere material preparations. In this great struggle for the minds of men, and for the future of freedom, we must enlist the spiritual aid, which comes only from our Creator. History shows that those nations which had denied the existence of Divine Providence and have forbidden the practice of religion eventually come to ruin. Our own great country was developed in large measure by men and women who came from Europe to avoid religious and political intolerance. In America, they found the opportunity for religious freedom, freedom of speech, and those other inalienable rights and duties which have since become a part of our constitutional government. Without question, our country’s magnificent advancement has come about because
we have been willing to include the observance of religion in our lives. In Delaware, as in most other places throughout these United States, there are abundant opportunities for all to attend Church. Spiritual leaders of every denomination constantly seek and welcome those who are willing to worship. And so, in these final days of the Lenten season, it seems most fitting that we lay aside our worldly affairs and lend attention to our spiritual welfare. Let us give to our Church leader the benefit of frequent attendance, especially this week and on Easter Sunday. If we do, I am sure our lives will be the better for it.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in a special message for Easter. Mr. Frear will resume his regular comments on congressional affairs next week at this same time.