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Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear brings to the people of Delaware his annual message for Easter. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you. In these days just proceeding the observance of Easter, the entire Christian world again devotes its special thoughts and attention to the significance of this closing week of the Lenten season. This period is one in which all of us have the opportunity to participate in the services which are conducted in our churches between now and Easter Sunday. Our church leaders are calling attention to the need of Christian men and women and children to constantly increase their activity in religious affairs. But I fear that at times we are prone to overlook the inspirational and spiritual guidance which these members of the clergy place before us. The pace of this modern world is such as to keep us heavily occupied in the events of our everyday lives. It is therefore quite easy to pass the responsibility over to our churches. But when one considers the far-reaching significance of these sacred institutions, their profound relationship to our purpose in this life is made more abundantly clear. Those men and women who spend much or all of their mature lives in the conduct of a religious vocation are motivated by a desire to assist us in living a useful Christian life. It seems therefore most appropriate as we anticipate the material observance of Easter to also fulfill the spiritual requirement by attending the church of our choice and helping in any other way possible to further its mission as a temple of God. The conflicts and turmoil of recent years have perhaps already brought many of us closer to divine providence and have greatly increased attendance at our various churches. But our church leaders need and want the active membership of many, many other persons for whom religion provokes only an occasional and passing reflection. Regular attendance at church is an objective worthy of our most sincere personal efforts. There are certainly a tremendous amount of spiritual guidance to be found there. Let us then join together in a common and sincere endeavor to fulfill the spirit of the Lenten observance as it draws toward a close. In so doing, I am confident that we shall all find on Easter Sunday the satisfaction that comes from associating ourselves with God.
Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his annual Easter message to the people of Delaware. Mr. Frear’s regular commentary on current congressional affairs will be continued next week at this same time, broadcast directly from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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