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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, Mr. Kelly. As the final session of this Eighty-Fourth Congress moves towards its anticipated conclusion in late July or early August, one senses a feeling of increasing urgency in the conduct of legislative affairs. This is especially evident in light of the expanded amount of attention and thought toward the forthcoming national convention and the general election in November. Some of you may recall that in my first statement of this year issued back in January, I expressed the hope that Congress would be able to devote to the maximum degree of its efforts in legislative deliberation without burdening these endeavors with an accepted amount of partisan consideration. To a substantial extent, I believe, this has happened, and it is only natural that in the late stages of the congress, the particular political interests of the various members of the House and Senate would come more into prominence. Under our political system in this country, the legislators must necessarily be in close contact with their constituents at home in order to acquaint them with their activities in Congress and seek their confidence and support for the next election. Thus you will note that a goodly number of senators and especially representatives must be absent from Washington from time to time during this portion of the year so as to make preparations for their political activities at home once congress has finally adjourned. Despite the high tempo in political affairs, however, there remains a large measure of legislation yet to be resolved. Foremost among these matters are the appropriation bills, which constitute, perhaps, the most important and influential obligation to the Congress. This is true because it is through appropriation of the people’s money that the Congress keep the government in operation, provide for the payment of its bills, and ensure the necessary funds to carry out the many activities of the Federal government. In preparing this statement, I reviewed the status of appropriation bills as they presently exist in this second session of the Eighty-Fourth Congress. As of this date, a total of fifteen money bills have crossed the house while thirteen have been approved in the Senate. Of this total, eight are still pending before (unintelligible [03:15]).
committee of the two houses where differences are being worked out, and five have already become law. Chief among the appropriation bills still awaiting action by the Senate is the Defense Appropriation measure, which necessarily is by far the largest of any considered. During the present week, it is anticipated that the Senate, either in its Appropriation Committee or in the full chamber itself will give further attention to the request for mutual security, that is, foreign aid, and perhaps the bill authorizing legislative appropriations for the next fiscal year as well. We may also expect, I believe, an executive session of the Senate Appropriations Committee early this week on the Defense Money Bill, and soon after, its referral to the full Senate. With action being rapidly completed on most of the necessary appropriation measures, it will logically follow that the Congress will then give major attention to those other legislative matters of the greatest importance which are still to be resolved. The tide of events points to an early adjournment, and yet it is to be hoped, and I think it will be demonstrated, that when the Eighty-Fourth Congress finally passes into history that its record will reflect substantial accomplishment on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. [04:56] From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his regular report to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. Senator Frear will be heard again next week at this same time, speaking from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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