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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on April 15th, 1957.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear presents his annual message (unintelligible [00:20]) days of the Lenten series and the Easter weekend. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you, Bob Kelly. In our inner reflections during the week or weeks preceding Easter to depart from the aspects of everyday living, and instead to devote (unintelligible [00:40]) of the Lenten season. It is not inconsistent, I believe, but rather desirable and necessary that all of us, whether we are representatives of the people or individuals in their own life, especially our thoughts and interactions, to the subject of our respected religion during this, the most solemn period of the Christian year. The busy days and weeks which occupy our time in making our livelihoods and in carrying out the other obligations which are before us often seem to leave little opportunity for attention to the spiritual attributes which are inherent in all human beings. Although we, as a people, have been fortunate in having dedicated leaders in our respective churches to counsel and guide us in the conduct of our religious (unintelligible), yet frequently, because of preoccupation with other affairs we may hesitate to take advantage of these opportunities. It does seem prudent and proper, therefore, to suggest that the Holy Week period is a timely invitation to renew and re-faith our lives with a sense of spiritual well-being. As a senator of the United States, we state our decisions are opened by the chaplain prayer, which in a real sense, places all that we subsequently do under the surveillance of Divine Providence. In many parts of the world, religion is restricted, and those who practice it are frequently coerced by the rulers of the State. But we in this great land, which was founded in most part by men and women seeking the benefits of free worship, can and should set the greatest possible human example for all others to emulate in the conduct and in the constant practice of our particular religious beliefs. Because the celebration of Easter is one of the greatest (unintelligible [02:59]) in the Christian world, we who are of that belief, look to its coming with great significance. But to people of all faiths, who feel (unintelligible [03:11]) to the existence of a spiritual being from beyond, can, I feel, understand and appreciate the compelling importance of faithful perseverance to their religious responsibilities. I have (unintelligible [03:28]) remarks during the Holy Week period, but many Christians in Delaware, both religious leaders and lay people alike,
have offered the view that fresh thought will help them. This is (unintelligible [03:46]). When we consider that for almost every other week of the year, we devote these messages exclusively to the affairs of (unintelligible [03:54]). The more attention that attends this Easter (unintelligible [03:58]) is a constant reminder that the heart of our people is intrinsically attached to the necessity for the preparation of our Christian lives as much as the (unintelligible [04:11]) of our present earthly existence.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation’s capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his annual message for Easter. Senator Frear’s regular commentary on current congressional affairs will be resumed at this same time next week from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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