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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, Mister Kelly. The legislative program of the Senate was laid aside during the final days of last week and the first of this week for memorial services to remember Senator Joseph McCarthy and his (unintelligible [00:46]). The senator’s passing leaves the membership of our body at ninety-five, temporarily, until the senator’s (unintelligible [00:54]) act to name his successor. As congress resumes its legislative activities, the Delaware delegation to (unintelligible [01:03]) of a bill being introduced jointly in the Senate and House of Representatives will endeavor to secure an exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which would permit Delaware’s holly wreath industry to be carried forward without being subject to the (unintelligible [01:20]) of this law. As many Delawareans know, the holly wreath industry has existed in our state for many years. It is essentially a home industry, and one that provides modest remuneration for those engaged in the art of wreath-making. Though centered in Sussex County, the work of the industry has become well-known all over Delaware, especially at the Christmas season. Those engaged in the holly wreath industry have contended that their work is of such a nature and scope as to keep all the necessary records and provide all the other administrative details required under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act would make it virtually useless for them to carry on their program. Although the Delaware delegation has sought administrative duties for our holly industry from the wage hour administrator, this has not been forthcoming. It appears that only congress will be able to give our holly wreath makers the necessary exemptions. To this end, the Delaware delegation and many other persons in the state are now lending their cooperation. Also of interest to Delaware, and nationally as well, is the legislation currently before the Senate Finance Committee, which proposes to restrict the issuance of certificates for rapid amortization of emergency facilities. These certificates were rather common during the Korean emergency and helped to more rapidly gear our domestic economy to the needs of defense. However, the question of whether they should be continued at the present rate has been made by the proposed provision of S.1795, the pending bill before our committee.
Since a number of Delaware business people have discussed the general question of rapid amortization issues from time to time, I am taking this occasion to bring the matter to their attention. And finally, may I take note of the current observance of National Radio Week: a very commendable recognition of the service that the radio constantly renders to the American public. I want to offer a special word of thanks to this radio station and to all others in our state which devote so much of their time in helping to make Delaware a better place in which to live.

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

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