Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Use of materials from this collection beyond the exceptions provided for in the Fair Use and Educational Use clauses of the U.S. Copyright Law may violate federal law. Permission to publish or reproduce is required from the copyright holder. Please contact Special Collections Department, University of Delaware Library, http://www.lib.udel.edu/cgi-bin/askspec.cgi
This Week In Congress Radio Address: Tax Legislation Before Congress, 1958 June 16
Speaker: Senator J. Allen Frear
Transcribed by: David Cardillo

[00:00]


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. The Senate this week is expected to consider and approve its first major tax bill of the present session of Congress. This legislation will extend present corporate and excise tax rates for another year. Despite many requests for a repeal or reduction of excise levies, which are now included in the price of many consumer goods, it appears necessary to defer, until a later time, favorable consideration of them. Except possibly transportation levies. This is because of budgetary requirement. The House of Representatives has already passed this tax extension measure, and approval by the Senate will send the bill to the White House for the President's signature. As a part of this week's program, the Senate may also take up a bill known as the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958. This proposal, as the name implies, would in general make provision for research and study into such things as flights within and without the Earth's atmosphere with all that is embodied in such an undertaking. Basic in the purpose of the bill is the intent to preserve the United States as a leader in aeronautical and space science and technology. A third major legislative item possibly scheduled for Senate attention this week will be the so-called Rivers, Harbors, and Flood Control Measure, a bill of major importance to almost every member of Congress. Among its provisions is an item of twenty-four million, four hundred and forty-seven thousand for anchorages in the Delaware River. These improvements are desirable and necessary to promote greater navigational safety in our most important Delaware waterway. Last week, the Senate carried out a very busy schedule which lasted until late Saturday evening. Under debate was the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1958. The bill, after partial consideration, and with the addition of some amendments was carried over until the first of this week under a unanimous consent agreement. This measure, incidentally, like all labor legislation, is extremely controversial. It's consideration by the Senate has come following extensive hearings by the select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field. A major legislative proposal in the category of national defense also received affirmative attention by one body of Congress during the past week. By a
vote of four hundred and two to one, the House of Representatives approved the measure designed to promote the national security through a reorganization of the Defense Department. As passed, the bill reflects differences from the original recommendation by the President, but congressional leaders in the House expressed the opinion that the measure would meet reorganization needs. Senate consideration of the measure is expected to follow sometime during the weeks immediately ahead. Despite its preoccupation with so many measured domestic responsibilities, Congress is not overlooking the continued crises in Lebanon, where consideration is being given to the removal of Americans by the Department of State as civil strife continues. The explosive Middle East remains as always one of the world’s great danger spots which could conceivably precipitate more violent and widespread crises than those already going on. It is to be hoped that our diplomatic officials and the offices of the United Nations will be able to successfully encourage an end to the sporadic fighting within the shortest possible period of time.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. 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.

[End 05:14]