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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Frear's Emergency Appendectomy, 1959 April 20

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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on April 20th, 1959.

Mr. Kelly: This is Bob Kelly in Washington, speaking for United States Senator J. Allen Frear. For after more than eleven years of delivering these weekly statements, Senator Frear has been required to break his attendance record. However, in all probability, he will be back himself in time for next week's presentation. The reason for the Senator's absence is fairly well-known throughout Delaware by now, I think. It results from his being hospitalized for the purpose of an emergency appendectomy. All of this occurred about a week ago while the Senator was making one of his frequent trips between Washington and home to keep an engagement. While driving east on Route 50 toward Dover, Senator Frear felt the symptoms of illness, and being in the vicinity of Annapolis at the time, he wisely stopped and put himself in the capable hands of the medical authorities at the Naval hospital there. The resulting surgery the next day was quite satisfactory, and it is expected the Senator will resume his full schedule of legislative responsibilities within a week or ten days. It's especially pleasant in the Senator's absence to pass along his warm and sincere thanks to the scores of Delawareans, both grown-ups and school children, who have called and written to express their good wishes during his illness. From every part of our state, and from a good many other places throughout the United States, friends of Senator Frear's have expressed their friendship and their hope for his prompt recovery. While the Senator will, of course, acknowledge all of these messages personally later on, he has asked that we tell you at this time how much they are all appreciated. While the Senator is physically away from Washington for these few days, there is no lack of activity insofar as his official obligations are concerned. For instance, the Senate Finance Committee is continuing an executive session to consider H.R. 4245: the so-called Life Insurance Income Tax Act of 1959. This is the complicated and quite technical legislation that has already passed the House and upon which the Senate Finance Committee recently concluded public hearings. Although Senator Frear is absent from this committee, his decisions on the various amendments to the bill can be made by proxy during these executive deliberations. I might point out that this procedure is entirely different from the Senate floor, where no one but the Senator himself is able to vote. Speaking of legislation before the Finance Committee, many Delawareans and other interested persons are continuing to write Senator Frear about Senate Bill 200. This is the legislation which the Senator

discussed at some length in one of his weekly statements a short time ago. At that time, you'll recall, he encouraged stockholders of the DuPont company in our state and elsewhere to express their wishes to the members of the Finance Committee regarding this important bill. As you know, its basic purpose is to relieve the tax penalties which may occur if an enforced distribution of General Motors stock to DuPont stockholders occurs as a consequence of the Supreme Court decision of about two years ago. One other note of interest before closing: the annual meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution is occurring in the nation's capital this week. This yearly assembly brings together a large and extremely active group of ladies from all over the United States, including Delaware. Although Senator Frear cannot participate in their meeting this year because of his illness, he has asked us to send warm greetings and good wishes together with the hope that the deliberations of the assembly will be both successful and enjoyable in every way. And now, until Senator Frear returns himself, this is Bob Kelly, speaking from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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