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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Closing of the 84th Congress, 1956 July 23

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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1956.

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 we near the close of this final session of the Eighty-Fourth Congress, I take this occasion to express sincere personal thanks and appreciation to the radio stations and newspapers throughout the state which have so graciously given attention and coverage to my weekly remarks on current congressional affairs. It is evident, I am sure, to those who have heard or read these statements that my intention has not been to express extended personal views, but rather to inform the people of Delaware on legislative matters of importance, and encourage their advice and counsel in advance of actual voting. The response to this approach has been most gratifying. In fact, as I look back over a period of more than seven years, during which these statements have been issued each week while Congress is in session, I find that the accumulation of views that have come directly from matters discussed in these programs has provided a most valuable record, and one which quite accurately reflects the desires of a majority of Delawareans on many issues of vital concern. We now conclude this current series of statements to coincide with the imminent adjournment of Congress. The present deliberations of the Senate and House of Representatives will soon be a matter of history. The evaluation of these endeavors will shortly begin and will probably extend for some time in light of the election year that is now upon us. I personally believe that many excellent legislative accomplishments can be credited to the Eighty-Fourth Congress. That the results of our efforts are not perfect, or perhaps, totally complete, is recognized. I am sure that most members of the House and Senate would be first to admit these shortcomings. However, it is logical and necessary that Congress periodically terminate its deliberations, both during the periods of general elections and on other occasions so that our membership can return to their states and districts for consultations and contacts with their constituents. Whatever its imperfections, the legislative process of the Congress of the United States continues to span forth as a splendid example of Democracy. The longer one is associated in Congress, the more impressive becomes the realization of the strength and value of our constitutional government with its historic separation of the three branches of Federal authority:

Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Though the months immediately ahead will see the national spotlight move from the Washington scene to the national political conventions, and then back and forth across the country in the sweep of the pre-election campaign, some legislative activities will necessarily continue. In this connection, my office in Washington will be open and available regularly for information and assistance to all Delawareans as it has been in the past. We shall look forward to a continuation of the visits which so many people throughout the state now make periodically to the nation's capital. In closing, may I express the hope that we can resume our association through the medium of these weekly statements when the Eighty-Fifth Congress convenes in January of 1957. My warmest thanks and deepest appreciation to all.

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Mr. Kelly:

Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation's capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in the concluding report in this current series of weekly commentaries devoted to a discussion on current congressional affairs. Senator Frear will resume these weekly reports in January when the Eighty-Fifth Congress resumes in Washington.

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