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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act, 1955 May 4
Speaker: Senator J. Allen Frear
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on May 2nd, 1955, and played on WDOV on May 4th, 1955.

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. In reflecting on a subject for discussion today, I find it quite difficult to choose a single matter because there are at least a dozen items of significant importance which are currently before the Congress and the nation. In the Senate itself, debate is under way on H.R. 1: the proposed extension on the reciprocal Trade Agreements Act and, as I have indicated before, we may expect a very sharp division of opinion on certain provisions of this bill. I suggest for the information of those Delawareans who may be interested that this would be an excellent time to see and hear at first hand the discussions on the tariff question. I shall be happy to arrange admittance for any Delawareans who care to visit the Senate during the course of its consideration of H.R. 1. This week in Washington also marks the arrival of state governors for a conference and delegates from the Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States. A delegation from our own state is here, and we shall be discussing with them various problems of business and industry, which are reflected in pending or proposed Federal legislation. Such discussion as these, whether they be with business people, representatives of professional groups, labor, or individual citizens, are most always mutually beneficial, and I am happy to engage in them. This week also brings for me an opportunity to participate in the observance of Mental Health Week in Delaware, of which I am privileged to be honorary chairman during 1955. This occasion marks a united, public effort to focus greater attention on the compelling need for dealing effectively and constructively with the problems of mental illness. I take this moment to congratulate the Delaware representatives of our mental health association for their keen interest and their many labors in behalf of this civic responsibility. And speaking of state affairs, the end of this current week will bring the annual observance of Dover Day in our state capital. On this day each year, the residents of Dover re-live the customs and traditions of early America. And although I have had the pleasure of participating in these programs for many years, I always find the occasion to be a most refreshing and

pleasant experience. Delaware, with its wealth of historical background, is ideally suited for the type of commemorative program which Dover Day consistently offers. It is my hope that many Delawareans will find it possible to visit Dover on Saturday and Sunday where, in addition to a picturesque panorama of colonial days, many of the state's most cherished homes and gardens will be open for public inspection. Returning again briefly to congressional activities, our Senate Banking and Currency Committee is considering various legislation affecting the activities and operations of national banks, while the Senate Finance Committee is shortly expected to take up legislation to extend the important Renegotiation Act. All in all, the opening days of the new month of May give every indication of being extremely active and interesting and will, I hope, produce affirmative results for our state and our nation.

Mr. Kelly:

Thank you, Senator Frear. [05:00] 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.

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