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This Week In Congress Radio Address: New Year's Greetings, 1956 December 21

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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 1956.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear presents the first in a series of brief, weekly reports to the people of Delaware on current congressional affairs. These comments will be heard regularly during the tenure of the Eighty-Fifth Congress. Ladies and gentlemen, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you, Mr. Kelly. It is with great pleasure and warm personal feelings that I extend to the people of Delaware sincere greetings for the new year. The months immediately ahead which are about to unfold will bring many and varied experiences to some of us. While we cannot perceive the nature of these events yet, we know from past history that they will be related to those happenings in the year just concluded. I am fully confident, however, that the American people, with their broad capacity for understanding, and their firm purpose in approaching responsibility, will move forward in 1957 to even greater achievements than ever before. I have just returned from a lengthy trip to the Far East, where I attended a conference of world leaders at Bangkok in Thailand. In the course of this journey, I visited such places as India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, and Burma. Also Taiwan, Japan, and other islands in the vast Pacific area. One of the most significant conclusions that struck me after meeting with the people in that section of the world is their abiding hope and strong belief in the United States. There is no doubt that our nation is the acknowledged leader throughout the world. The recent, tragic events in Hungary underscore this conviction. People everywhere look to us for guidance and encouragement, and as a striking example of what our free, democratic system has accomplished. As Congress reconvenes, our legislative processes in the Senate and House of Representatives will resume. This is a fundamental part of our system of government. I again invite and urge you, the people of Delaware, most strongly to become active participants in the affairs of the Congress by maintaining close and continued contact with your elected representatives in order that they may better understand and serve your basic needs. These weekly statements, which I expect to deliver regularly during 1957, as I have over a period of some eight years in the past will, I hope, stimulate your concern in national and international affairs. And, I trust, they will encourage a closer understanding of our mutual efforts, which in turn will result in further advancement and progress for all.

Mr. Kelly:

Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation's capital, you have heard the first in a new series of regular reports 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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