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This Week In Congress Radio Address: S. 200 Progress Report on the Legislation, 1959 June 29  
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1959.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, 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. I feel it incumbent to the people of Delaware and to the thousands of other citizens in almost every state of the union who have communicated with me in behalf of S. 200 to state frankly, the outlook for this legislation as we approach the final weeks of this session of Congress. Public hearings on S. 200 took place in the Senate Finance Committee on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Representatives of the Justice and Treasury Departments appeared before the committee, as did witnesses representing the shareholders and the general public. The presentation of testimony by this latter group was most gratifying and of much value to the committee. The spokesman for the two government departments, regrettably, declined to favor outright the provisions of the bill, but indicated a willingness to go into the matter in further detail. I take this to mean that the two departments may possibly make alternative recommendations which would modify S. 200 and make it more compatible with what these departments feel is public policy. At the conclusion of the public hearings, it was suggested that prior to executive action by the Senate Finance Committee, the bill be introduced in the House of Representatives and brought up for hearings before the Ways and Means Committee. This is now being implemented. Congressman Richard Simpson and several other interested members have offered the provisions of S. 200. The bill is scheduled for public hearings before that committee on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and at that time, the governmental representatives and private witnesses will appear. It is again my intention to testify personally as I did before the Senate Finance Committee. I am somewhat apprehensive because of the approaching adjournment of Congress that there will be sufficient time to complete action on this legislation in the House of Representatives and have it referred back to the Senate for executive consideration before the House and Senate go home for the rest of the year. I am looking forward to consideration of this legislation by the House committee under the leadership of the distinguished chairman of that committee, Representative Wilbur Mills of Arkansas, together with Congressman Simpson of Pennsylvania, the leader of the minority on the committee. I hope that all

of the interested persons who have communicated with me and with other members of the Senate Finance Committee will address themselves similarly to the members of the House Ways and Means Committee between now and July 20<sup>th</sup>. While I am reluctant to burden my colleagues with correspondence in these busy days, I feel that many of them may wish to be better informed about the legislation and to know of the desire which so many persons have to see it enacted into law at this session of Congress. Sometimes the process of legislating is difficult and frustrating. This is as true with small matters as with bills of such major importance and of such tremendous impact on the public at large as S. 200. Thus, the support and encouragement of persons who share the sponsors' convictions are of paramount importance.

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.

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