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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Reflections on 6 years in Congress, 1954 August 4
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on August 2nd, 1954, and played on WDOV on August 4th, 1954.

Mr. Kelly: From Washington, DC, transcribed, United States Senator J. Allen Frear brings to the people of Delaware the last in his current series of brief, weekly reports on current congressional affairs. These programs are presented regularly each year during the sessions of Congress. And now, Senator Frear.

Senator Frear: Thank you. It has, indeed, been a fortunate opportunity to have shared with you, the people of Delaware, these brief moments each week for the past six years. May I express the hope that we shall continue this exchange of ideas when Congress next reconvenes. Many events have crowded the period of time that I have thus far served as a United States Senator from the state of Delaware. We have endured many events together in the course of these discussions. The office of a member of Congress is a most sensitive one to public opinion. In my case, it shall always remain with me as a source of great satisfaction that the citizens of Delaware have so consistently, so conscientiously, and so helpfully advised me on the many matters of tremendous importance that have been brought before the Congress since January 1949. Although there have been disagreements among some of us, I take great pride in the fact that we have always maintained the stability and the good judgment which befits the citizens of our great democracy. Someone has asked me what single incident has left the greatest impression during these past six years. The answer is, of course, the conflict in Korea, with all of its far-reaching, and often tragic, results. The impact of war upon a fee society is always greater than under a controlled dictatorship. The tremendous sacrifice, which this nation made to halt aggression in Asia, cannot and must not be compromised. It is my conviction, and I believe that of many other Delawareans, that the recent settlement of the Indochina conflict does not provide any real assurance of peace in Asia. Instead, the Chinese Communists appear intent on making this cease-fire the basis of a propaganda victory among the Chinese people. Boastful threats against the Chinese Nationalists adrift on Formosa have been forthcoming over the past weekend from military sources of Red China. The free world may have to face the eventuality of an attack on Formosa in the future. The fate of other small nations located on the outward perimeter of the Red

Empire in Asia is likewise in grave danger. Nearly six years ago when I was first privileged to take the oath of office as one of the representatives of the people of Delaware in Congress, the menace of the Kremlin was then a real and definite threat against our way of life. There has clearly been no change in the pattern of Communist philosophy since that time. There are those who believe that a peaceful coexistence between East and West may be possible. Certainly, any honorable alternative to another world war is the hope of all peace-loving people. But as I have said many times, if the aggressive Communists are allowed to chip away at the free countries and overcome them one by one, the hour will arrive when this great nation finds itself standing alone against an enemy whose strength may exceed ours. Perhaps there is a formula by which we can preserve world peace without (unintelligible **[04:47]**) concessions. Surely, though, for the time being, at least, we must maintain ourselves in an adequate state of preparedness because it is abundantly evident that the Kremlin appreciates and understands the language of force much more than the persuasive efforts of diplomacy. **[05:10]** In summation, then, of these first six years in Washington, I hold the conviction that the United States continues to stand as the last great hope of free man. Our dynamic system of free enterprise has brought about an era of scientific, industrial, and professional accomplishment never before possible. The miracle of America is the great and compelling hope for the people of our great and present generation and those yet to come. In closing, may I stress special thanks to radio stations WDEL in Wilmington and WDOV in Dover who have so graciously programmed these statements each week. To our daily *News-Journal* papers and the *Delaware State News*, to our various weekly publications on Delaware, and other radio stations, all of who have carried digests of these remarks for the information of the people of Delaware.

Mr. Kelly: Thank you, Senator Frear. From the nation's capital, you have heard United States Senator J. Allen Frear in his final weekly report of the current year on congressional affairs. This program has come to you from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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