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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Closing of the 1st Session of the 86th Congress,
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on September 5th, 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. With this statement, we are concluding the eleventh year of weekly presentations on matters of congressional interest. And again, may I take this occasion to publicly express most sincere appreciation to our Delaware radio stations, including WDEL, which has broadcast these brief reports, without interruption, for eleven years. Also, WDOV in Dover and WKSJ in Milford. Through the coverage made possible by these radio stations, the views expressed in the course of our programs have enabled many Delawareans to become better acquainted with the activities of those of us who represent our state in Washington. Scores of persons throughout Delaware have written and spoken to me on various subjects discussed during these weekly presentations, and I think the exchange of views has been helpful. Congress this week definitely appears to be approaching adjournment, although it is possible that a special session may be held before the end of the year. In these probable last days of the present meeting, a number of major items of business must still come before both the House and Senate. As this report is being prepared, it is virtually impossible to say definitely how many of the remaining measures will be acted upon. Among them are appropriations for foreign aid, housing legislation, a public works program, and a possible bill to raise gasoline taxes to continue financing the Federal Highway Program. On the subject of housing, the Congress has passed two housing bills, both of which have been vetoed. As a result, it appears most doubtful and improbable that Congress will be able to pass any comprehensive housing law before adjournment. Still another major issue is the proposed increase in the ceiling on interest rates. And of course, there are a number of other bills still before committees or pending on the Senate and House calendars. Some of these are of major importance, such as Senate Bill 200 which, as most Delawareans know, I have been attempting to have approved for nearly two years. Contrary to some reports concerning the adjournment of Congress, it is not being hastened because of the approaching visit of the Russian Premier, Mr. Khrushchev, for by no means does his presence in Washington have anything to do with what Congress does or does not

choose to decide with respect to its legislative program. While it is quite true that a great many members of Congress would not support an invitation to Mr. Khrushchev to address a joint session, neither would they feel embarrassed about still being in session after his arrival and not offering him an opportunity to speak before the membership of the two congressional bodies. And now, in conclusion, may I express my warm, personal thanks to all of our representatives of the press and radio for their cooperation and assistance in reporting the substance of these weekly statements; a service that has made possible a much broader dissemination of the views which I have expressed. Hopefully, I shall plan to resume the series in January of 1960. In the meantime, of course, even though Congress adjourns, the services of our office continue to be constantly available for the information and assistance to 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 the last of his current series of weekly reports on current congressional affairs. These programs have come to you from the Senate Office Building in Washington.

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