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This Week In Congress Radio Address: Appointment of American Ambassador to Brazil, \
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Announcer: The Week in Congress, recorded on May 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. Congress has completed another busy week of legislative activity, highlighted by the presence of rather strong political overtones among members of both parties. Noteworthy in this connection was the overriding by the Senate of the President's veto of legislation pertaining to the Rural Electrification Administration. Subsequently, however, the House sustained the President. Later in the week, after extended debate, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce as our new ambassador to Brazil. Again, as in the REA vote, sharp differences arose between some members of the Senate on the wisdom of approving this appointment. Not being a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, I did not participate in the committee's interrogation of Mrs. Luce. But the fourteen to one approval of her nomination is significant. Several years ago, while she was ambassador to Italy, I met with Mrs. Luce in Rome to discuss our foreign economic aid program as it pertained to Italy and adjacent countries in the Mediterranean area. At that time, I found her very well informed on this subject and in general on matters of importance to the United States. As the week progressed, the Senate took up a supplemental appropriation bill to cover various financial obligations not provided for earlier in the fiscal year. As I have mentioned before, supplemental appropriations are normally considered as emergency measures. But at times they become the method by which Federal departments secure increased funds not previously allowed by Congress when acting on regular appropriation measures. These supplemental bills are not at all helpful to those members of Congress who are striving toward a balanced budget. But in all fairness, it must be pointed out that they are at times fundamentally necessary to at least some extent. I want also to take this occasion to express an added word of appreciation to the scores of Delawareans and many, many other persons throughout the United States who are now actively communicating with Senators and Representatives in behalf of Senate Bill 200. We are now hopeful that hearings before the Senate Finance Committee will be scheduled within the next several weeks. In the meantime, it would be of continued assistance to have added

expressions of interest by those persons who have not as yet communicated their views on this important legislation to the members of Congress. Before concluding this statement, I am happy, I am very happy, to emphasize that May is National Radio Month: a period during which we recognize and pay tribute to the invaluable public services which radio broadcasting renders to the American people. Despite the wonders of television, radio continues to remain as the most important medium of its kind. This is especially true in Delaware, where our radio stations do so much to promote deserving community, state, and national endeavors. Today, Americans own more than one hundred and fifty million radio sets, and over ninety-seven percent of all homes are radio-equipped. These statistics speak eloquently for the vital function which this industry serves every day in the year.

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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