

TELEVISION ADDRESS OF THE HONORABLE JOHN E. FOGARTY, SECOND DISTRICT, RHODE ISLAND OVER WPRO-TV ON NOVEMBER 7, 1960.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

As the campaign is now practically finished, my purpose in appearing before you tonight is mainly to express my gratitude to everyone who has assisted me in seeking re-election as Congressman for the Second Congressional District. I am warmly thankful for the kind and friendly reception that has been accorded me by the voters in every section of the State in which I have appeared. I am also extremely grateful to the fine volunteer workers who so generously contributed their time and effort on my behalf, often at great inconvenience to themselves.

On a number of occasions during the campaign, I have stated my position on the problems that face our State and our nation, and I have addressed myself to the questions of the day. Little of what my opponent has said concerning me calls for a reply. After 20 years, the people of the Second Congressional District know me, and they are familiar with my record of service to them.

The thing that my opponent has criticized most is the fact that I have been described as "Everybody's Congressman." I cannot see anything wrong in that. In my view, a Congressman is under an obligation to represent every man, woman, and child in his district. He is not in Congress to represent any particular segment of the population. His duty is to represent everybody. Inasmuch as I have been acting in accordance with this belief for the past 20 years that I have been in Washington, I do not feel that being referred to as "Everybody's Congressman" is any reflection on my record. In fact, I consider it a compliment.

To be "Everybody's Congressman," I have identified myself with the fight to provide funds to discover and erase the causes of cancer, heart disease, and mental illness. To be "Everybody's Congressman," I have sought to provide our children and young people with a decent chance to gain an education. For that reason, I have supported Federal aid in the construction of public schools and I have played a major

role in obtaining funds for scholarships by helping to pass the National Defense Education Act.

As "Everybody's Congressman" I have been responsible for calling the White House Conference on Aging and for action to help prevent juvenile delinquency. Because I wanted to serve the needs of the <sup>GREATEST</sup> ~~widest~~ number of people, I have pressed for public housing, water pollution control, and aid to depressed areas.

With the welfare of all the people of Rhode Island in mind, I have fought for protection for our industries from foreign competition ever since 1945. Unlike my opponent, I did not just discover this problem recently. The defense of our shores from cheap foreign products has been as important to me as the protection of our cities and towns from hurricanes and floods.

To earn the title of "Everybody's Congressman," I have opposed wasteful spending in Washington, just as much as I have favored the wise expenditure of funds for the public

good in the areas of health and education. I am pleased with the success of my efforts in these fields and shall intensify them if you make it possible for me to return to Congress once again as your representative.

If I am re-elected tomorrow, I will continue to try to be worthy of being known as "Everybody's Congressman." My opponent and I naturally differ on a number of points, but I admire his willingness to interest himself in the problems of government. A campaign of this kind, I know well, is a very difficult task, not only for the candidate, but also for his family, relatives, and friends. Whatever the outcome of this election may be, I am satisfied that I have tried to conduct my own campaign with fairness. I am deeply grateful to the thousands of voters who have shown their confidence in me for the past 20 years. I can only say that if that same confidence is once again placed in me, and I am returned to Congress for

another term, I will not slacken in my efforts to continue to be "Everybody's Congressman" and to serve all of you in every possible way.