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## Race to the Moon

hush filled the room on May 25, 1961, as President John F. Kennedy stepped toward the microphone. Members of Congress listened as he gave a speech. Kennedy wanted the United States to send a person to the Moon before the end of the 1960s. He asked Congress for the money to do this. He also said the United States needed a space program. It would be an important part of winning the **Cold War**.

