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Candidate Protection Unit Named

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With the 1972 election a year away, former California Republican Sen. Thomas Kuchel has been named to fill out a five-member advisory committee charged with naming major presidential and vice presidential candidates who will be eligible for Secret Service protection.

Kuchel, now a Washington lawyer, will serve on the committee, set up by law to advise the Secretary of the Treasury. The committee is made up of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate.

So far, the only announced presidential candidate is Sen. George McGovern, (D-S.D.).

It will be up to the five-man committee to advise Treasury Secretary John B. Connally on who qualifies as a major candidate under terms of terms of the law. It was Connally, then Governor of Texas, who was wounded in the shooting affray in 1963 that took the life of President John F. Kennedy.

Under the law, passed in June of 1968, a candidate can decline protection for himself and his family.