

STENNIS IS SHOT AT CAPITAL HOME

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Senator Taken to Hospital After Being Wounded by Unknown Assailants

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30— Senator John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, was shot and wounded tonight in front of his home in an apparent robbery attempt, the police said.

Police Sgt. Edward Jones said that the Senator had been shot twice, once in the stomach and once in the leg. He was taken to Walter Reed Hospital, the police said.

Sergeant Jones said that Senator Stennis was alive "as far as I know."

Sergeant Jones said that it was not immediately known who had shot Senator Stennis, but added that officers had a lookout for several persons. Sergeant Jones said that the officers had descriptions of the suspects.

A neighbor, Gertrude V. Sullivan, said that the shooting had occurred near Senator Stennis's home at 3609 Cumberland Street in the Northwest section of the city.

Mrs. Sullivan, who lives at

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3610 Cumberland Street, said she had been in the rear of her home when she heard "a lot of excitement in the street" between 7 and 7:30 P.M.

Police Sgt. Carl Mattis, who said he had talked to Mrs. Sullivan at her home, said Senator Stennis had been shot during an attempted robbery. He said that the shooting had occurred in front of the Stennis home.

Sergeant Mattis said it appeared that the assailants had taken something from Senator Stennis, but "we don't know how much they got."

Senator Stennis's administrative aide, William E. Cresswell, said that the Senator had attended a reception at the National Guard Association near the Capitol earlier in the evening.

Powerful Figure in Senate

One of the most powerful members of the United States Senate, John C. Stennis was first elected in 1947 and currently serves as head of the Armed Services Committee and as a member of other important committees.

Mr. Stennis was born in Kemper County, Mississippi, on Aug. 3, 1901, and after graduating from Mississippi State University and the University of Virginia Law School, he served as a legislator and as a circuit judge in his home state until he entered the Senate.