

Stennis Busy at Bedside

Washington

Senator John C. Stennis (Dem-Miss.), showing definite improvement but still on the critical list, conferred with an aide about Senate business from his hospital bed yesterday, less than 48 hours after he was shot during a holdup.

A spokesman for Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where Stennis underwent nearly seven hours of surgery for two bullet wounds, said the 71-year-old chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee "has shown definite improvement since this morning."

Stennis was shot Tuesday night shortly after he parked his car in front of his home in northwest Washington.

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