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## Stennis's Doctors

### Fear an Infection; Prognosis Guarded

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (UPI) —Surgeons said today that Senator John C. Stennis, wounded in a holdup last Tuesday night, was still in "very serious" condition and they were concerned about the possibility of infection.

Maj. Frank Garland, public affairs officer for the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, said the prognosis for the 71-year-old Mississippi Democrat was still "guarded."

Major Garland told a mid-afternoon briefing that Senator Stennis, who was robbed and shot twice in front of his home in northwest Washington, was resting well and "his vital signs are good."

In response to questions, Major Garland discussed the possibility of infection. He said that such a danger was always present in injuries to vital organs.

"His surgeons are concerned about the danger of infection from intestinal and pancreatic damage," Major Garland said. Asked when this danger period would end, he said that the surgeons "feel it is simply too early to make that determination."

The spokesman said that the Senator slept five to six hours last night and that he had not used a respirator since yesterday. He still had a slight fever and he was being fed intravenously.