Stennis Shows Progress--Sees POWs on TV

Washington

Senator John Stennis, seriously wounded in a holdup two weeks ago, showed "encouraging progress" toward recovery yesterday when he sat up in a chair to watch television newscasts of returning prisoners of war.

Physicians at Walter Reed Army Medical Center said Stennis' condition was changed from "very serious" to "serious" and the prognosis from "guarded to fair." They indicated he might be released in several weeks.

It was the first significant sign of improvement since last Tuesday when Stennis, 71, underwent emergency surgery.

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