

Law to Guard Candidates

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Congress moved quickly today to enact legislation to provide Secret Service protection for all presidential candidates and their families—a step President Johnson already had taken on an interim basis shortly after the shooting of Sen. Robert Kennedy.

Less than 10 hours after the shooting in Los Angeles, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the unprecedented use of the Secret Service in legislation the House and Senate are expected to pass tomorrow.

Even before the Senate committee acted, Johnson instructed Secret Service Director

James J. Rowley to assign at once a protective detail of agents to the candidates of both parties and their families.

Johnson consulted during the night with Attorney General Ramsey Clark and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. The attorney general ordered the FBI into the case under authority of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Clark also ordered James P. McShane, Chief U.S. marshal, to take command of a guard posted at Kennedy's home, Hickory Hill, in suburban Fairfax County, Va.