

House Probers' Interest In Chappaquiddick

Washington

The House Judiciary Committee said yesterday it has checked into the technical conduct of an inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne but denied it is investigating the accident involving Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.).

The Boston Globe reported yesterday that the committee had asked to study records of the Edgartown district court case and the closed inquest into the July

18, 1969, drowning in a car Kennedy was driving on Chappaquiddick island.

Chairman Peter W. Rodino Jr. (Dem-N.J.) said the staff had inquired about the case while investigating precedents for the attendance of counsel at closed hearings in its attempt to determine how President Nixon's attorney, James D. St. Clair, should participate in closed impeachment hearings.

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