

# Autopsy Bid To Receive No Priority

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — President Judge Bernard C. Brominski of Luzerne County Common Pleas Court said a Massachusetts request to exhume the body of Mary Jo Kopechne for an autopsy will get no special consideration.

"I've got 16 other things on my desk to do," said Judge Brominski today, "and I'm not going to be stampeded by what happens in other states."

Dist. Atty. Edmund Dinis of New Bedford, Mass., said today he petitioned the Pennsylvania court to exhume the body of the secretary for an autopsy in the inquest for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

TWO COPIES of the petition were received today in the offices of the Luzerne County district attorney and the common pleas court clerk's office. Miss Kopechne's body is buried in Luzerne County.

She drowned when an auto driven by the senator plunged off a Cnappaquiddick Island bridge last month.

Judge Brominski said Dinis' request would "go into the hopper and be scheduled for a hearing in the normal way."

MEANWHILE, IN Berkeley Heights, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kopechne, the victim's parents, said they are consulting a lawyer. They earlier said they will oppose Dinis' request for an autopsy.

Dinis, whose Southern District includes Dukes County, of which the island is part, applied to the Luzerne County court yesterday for a court order for the exhumation and autopsy.

He sent his petition by registered mail and asked the court to give him a hearing as soon as possible.

He said he wants the autopsy report to present at the inquest, scheduled to open Sept. 3 at Edgartown.

Miss Kopechne, 28, a former secretary in the office of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Washington, was buried in her home town, Plymouth, Pa.