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BOSTON AP - Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Thursday night that he will not go to the Democratic National Convention in Miami this summer as a delegate.

Kennedy said at a meeting with the state house press association that he "won't run as an at-large or district candidate" for a spot as a delegate in the April 25 Massachusetts presidential primary.

It had been expected that Kennedy would head the at-large slate from Massachusetts.

Kennedy, however, said he expected to be "active over the period of the next several weeks and months and at the convention."

Kennedy reiterated that he will not endorse a Democratic candidate prior to the convention, but he said he will support the convention's nominee.

Out of the entire field, Kennedy said, Gov. George Wallace of Alabama was the only one that he clearly could not support.

The senator also said he filed an affidavit Thursday with Massachusetts Secretary of State John F. X. Davoren saying he will not be a candidate for the presidency. The disclaimer is necessary to remove his name from the state's presidential primary ballot.

He said he will file a disclaimer in Florida and all other states where it is necessary.

The Massachusetts Democrat said he felt it would be "misleading" if he led a slate of Massachusetts delegates to the national convention this summer.

He said the people might think it was to "serve some other purpose."

Whether to run or not as a delegate was a "close decision at best," Kennedy said. He added that it is his intention to campaign "vigorously" with the Democratic nominee.

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The senator said he agrees with the polls that the Democratic front runner is Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, D-Maine.

He said he thought that if New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, who campaigned in Massachusetts on Thursday, is successful in the state's primary, it will be a "major upset for Muskie."

Kennedy said he thinks the Democratic candidate at the convention will be chosen on the first ballot, and that candidate, he said, can beat President Nixon.

As one reason he cited newly enfranchised young voters who he said are registering 5-3 Democratic.

Kennedy also cited increasing anxiety about the economy, mention of which he said he expected would rise to a "roaring howl" this year.

Kennedy, calling the U.S. stand on the India-Pakistan conflict one of the nation's "greatest disasters in foreign policy," said that one of the fundamental reasons Nixon favored the Pakistanis was because he "knew how important it was to the Chinese" and it would help the President in his February trip to China.

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