

Ted Will Stay in Senate

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Edward Kennedy returned today to his duties as a U.S. Senator — a job he has decided to try to keep for the next eight years.

Eleven days after a personal tragedy on the Massachusetts seacoast shadowed his political future, Kennedy is back in Washington, fortified by a vote of confidence from the people of his home state.

Before returning, he issued a statement saying he had decided not to resign his seat, and in fact plans to seek another term in 1970. If elected, he said, he will serve the full six years of that term — a statement that seemed to rule out any campaign on his part for the Presidency in 1972.

Public Response

That possibility may have been foreclosed by the death of a former Kennedy secretary when a car he was driving plunged into a tidal pool.

In the aftermath of controversy surrounding the accident, Kennedy asked the voters of his state to help him make up his mind about his future. The thousands of responses were overwhelmingly "yes."

Kennedy, his driver's license suspended, returned to his home last night as a passenger.

He was driven down from Plainfield, N.J., where he attended funeral services for a close friend.

Muskie's View

Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine, a potential Democratic presidential candidate for 1972, said in Chicago, "I am delighted that he has decided to stay. I must say I am not surprised and I would expect the people of Massachusetts to re-elect him.

"While the question seems to be inevitable," Muskie said, "I hope there will be no connection between his difficulties and my political future."

Hearing on Kennedy Case Set

BOSTON — (AP) — A Registry of Motor Vehicles investigation found Sen. Edward M. Kennedy at fault for his driving in the accident that cost the life of a Washington secretary.

Registrar Richard McLaughlin revealed the finding yesterday and said a hearing will be held next Wednesday in Hyannis, at which Kennedy may appear or send counsel if he wishes to contest the finding.

At that hearing, McLaughlin said, a supervisor can find "serious fault," or "no serious fault," but nothing in between.

Kennedy's driver's license automatically was revoked for a year after he pleaded guilty last Friday to leaving the scene of the accident in which May Jo Kopechne, 28, drowned.

The hearing could result in a second suspension of Kennedy's driver's license, but McLaughlin said such suspensions usually run concurrently with the revocation.

McLaughlin said the hearing, before Supervisor Joseph Greelish, will be private, but the decision will be made known, probably within 24 hours.