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Joan Kennedy, wife of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.), has been hospitalized for a complete rest, the senator's office announced yesterday.

Dick Drayne, Kennedy's press secretary, declined to reveal where Mrs. Kennedy has been hospitalized.

Drayne said Mrs. Kennedy has been "under continuing strain" because of the illness of their oldest son, Edward Jr., who had his leg amputated last November to arrest a form of bone cancer. He has required regular preventive treatments since.

Drayne said Mrs. Kennedy "was also very fatigued when she returned from the trip she took with Senator Kennedy and two of their children, Edward and Kara, 14, to Europe and the Soviet Union.

"Her doctor strongly urged that she take a complete and prolonged rest," Drayne added. "She is well and is expected back home within a week."

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