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WASHINGTON, AUG. 16 (AP)-A BILL APPROVED BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TODAY PROVIDES FOR SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS FOR MRS. JOHN F. KENNEDY AND HER TWO YOUNG CHILDREN.

THE MEASURE, REQUESTED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, ALSO PROVIDES LIFETIME SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR FORMER PRESI-DENTS, UNLESS THIS IS DECLINED.

THIS WOULD APPLY NOW TO FORMER PRESIDENTS DWIGHT D. EISEN-HOWER AND HARRY S. TRUMAN.

AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON NOV. 22, 1963, CONGRESS PASSED A BILL TO PROVIDE SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR MRS'. KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN, CAROLINE AND JOHN, FOR TWO YEARS.

PROTECTION UNDER THAT MEASURE WILL END DEC. 11 OF THIS YEAR. THE BILL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE TODAY WOULD EXTEND THIS FOR TWO YEARS.

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROTECTION WAS REQUESTED NOT BECAUSE OF ANY THREATS TO MRS. KENNEDY OR HER CHILDREN BUT BECAUSE OF THE THRONGS WHO GATHER WHEN THEY APPEAR IN PUBLIC.

UNDER PRESENT LAW, SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION IS PROVIDED FOR A FORMER PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE FOR "A REASONABLE TIME." THIS HAS BEEN GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS SIX MONTHS.

THE PROPOSED NEW LAW PROVIDES THAT EX-PRESIDENTS ARE TO BE PROTECTED FOR LIFE AND THE WIDOWS, AND MINOR CHILDREN OF FORMER PRESIDENTS FOR FOUR YEARS.

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