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# Caperton says he'll support Lewis

By **KAREN WALLACE**  
*Reporter*

State Senator Kent Caperton said Wednesday he is endorsing Neeley Lewis in the district 14 race for State Representative — the seat being vacated by Bill Prensall.

"Neeley Lewis would be an effective voice for Brazos County, Texas A&M and the public school system," Caperton said at a special press conference held at the Ramada Inn.

Caperton said his decision was made on a personal basis because there was no doubt in his mind the issues that are important to Lewis and his position on these issues.

"If Neeley goes to Austin, he'll go in the position of strength," Caperton said. "I don't think his opponents have that."

Lewis explained what he meant when he said he would go to Austin and "get the job done."

Appropriations are the life blood at Texas A&M, he said. "Therefore we should keep our bridges strong between College Station and Austin," he said.

Also, there are day to day activities on the campus that require legislative activities, he said.

"I will see that the Texas A&M position is properly presented," he said.

Neeley briefly stated the first goals he would like to meet if elected.

"The first thing I'm going to do is spend a lot of time dealing with various people in the county who have legislative needs," he said.

This includes a lot of people on campus, he said.

"Second, we'll have a special session dealing with education," he said.

Caperton said Lewis, who was Brazos County Democratic Chairman, will be a leader in Austin if he is elected.

"Being a part of the leadership from the very start is an advantage Neeley has," Caperton said. "I don't think his opponents have that advantage."



Candidate for District 14 Neeley Lewis (right) thanks State Sen. Kent Caperton for his endorsement at a press conference held Wednesday.

## College Republicans

of Texas A&M

### General Meeting

- Will be organizing campaign committees i.e., Ronald Reagan, Phil Gramm
- Discuss Absentee Voting for the Special Election
- Discuss Dinner honoring Senator John Tower
- New members welcome

**Thursday, February 23**  
**8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder**

# Anne Murray performing tonight

Businesswoman, loving mother of two children and prime singer/songwriter Anne Murray will be performing Thursday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Murray is one of Canada's famous musical exports. In 1980 she was named as the Canadian Recording Industry's female artist of the decade for her many talents in the studio. The winner of 19 Juno Awards, the Canadian equivalent to the Grammy, Murray is without a doubt the country's most successful songwriter. Murray has

done well in this country also. In 1967, after working in various night clubs and coffee houses, Murray was on television in a nationwide broadcast. Her blonde, girl-next-door image helped her popularity grow, and by 1968 she released her first album, *What About Me?* Her next step was to sign with Capitol Canada, but two al-

bums with the company brought little notice to the singer. Murray's big break came in 1970 with the release of "Snowbird." The tune advanced to number one on both America's country and pop charts, and established Murray as a talent to be reckoned with. In November of that year she became the first

Canadian woman to sell a million copies of a single in the United States. More albums soon followed including *Talk It Over in the Morning* and *You Won't Me*. Her singles included "A Little Love My Way," "My Song," and "Love Song" for which she received her Grammy as best female vocal

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# PUC puts million dollar hike on hold until special hearing

**United Press International**

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission Wednesday placed a \$280 million rate increase on hold that Southwest Bell Telephone had planned to implement Thursday in Texas.

PUC chairman Al Erwin said the commission will conduct a hearing Thursday to determine whether the bonded rate increase can be charged immediately or whether it must wait until April 22.

At issue is whether the company's \$1.3 billion rate filing last June came under an old state law or a new utility reform law that took effect last Sept. 1.

The PUC announced at noon Wednesday that it would allow the rates to go into effect Thursday, but Erwin said late Wednesday afternoon the three-member utility regulatory agency had changed its mind.

Erwin, who conferred with Gov. Mark White on the matter, blamed the switch on "talking to too many lawyers."

The commission had announced in a news released earlier that it planned to ignore an advisory opinion by Attorney General Jim Mattox, who said Bell could not implement the rate increase Thursday.

A commission examiner, with Erwin's blessings, signed an order that would have allowed Bell to implement the bonded rates. But the commission refused to honor the bond.

"It's a close call," said Erwin. "Mattox has a good point (PUC examiner) Susie (Holmes) has a good point, but I thought I should go with the lawyer (Mattox) who represents me in court because I think that's where it's going."

Erwin said he expected Bell

to file suit Thursday against the commission. Mattox and public counsel Jim Boyle also said they planned legal challenges. PUC should rule in Bell's favor Thursday.

"We've drafted a petition we're ready to go to court attempt is made to void opinion we issued last (Monday) night," said Mattox.

The attorney general said a formal opinion Tuesday that the company could charge the bonded rates April 22 because its June filing was not finalized after the new law took effect.

Ms. Holmes determined Nov. 21 that Bell's case under the old law, which had a bonded increase in rates than the new law.

The Bell increase would one-party residential rates in Texas by another \$2.75.

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