Treen vows support in anti-abortion fight

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Robicheaux said. Two supporters held up a sign as the Treen motorcade moved into Kaplan, thanking him for $500,000 in public works money that went to the town from the state. "Where did the money go? Ask Kaplan, we know, Thank you Dave," the sign said.

As Treen worked the shopping center, shaking hands and asking for votes, he passed a sign supporting his candidacy at Joey's Food Store in Kaplan.

"Some say you don't speak Cajun French nor play bourree. But we love you anyway -- Gov. Treen," the sign said. Treen pretended that he did play bourree when he was in college.

At Erath, Treen walked the streets shaking hands. The proprietor of Peltier's Restaurant and bar tried to lure the cameraman and the Treen party into the establishment.

"Is that channel three?... It'll be good for business," the man said, trying to get them into the restaurant. The TV crew was not filming for a local station but was accompanying CBS newsman Bruce Morton.

While Treen was stumpng in Delcambre, a woman went up to him to smell his hands.

"A lady told me Edwin Edwards' hands smell better than yours," the woman said. Her friend, standing nearby, said Edwards has dirty hands.

"Well, he's put his hands in some pretty foul places," Treen said.

In Lafayette, Treen told a gathering of black leaders at the Hilton Hotel that education had been very important in his administration.

"If people in this state are going to realize their full potential, we need a good public education system," Treen said. "I make no apology for the $44 million increase in money for education," Treen said.

Earlier in the evening he told members of the Lafayette Petroleum Landmen group that he is for deregulation of natural gas as a congressman and would continue to work for it.

He also told the group, that his administration has established programs in an attempt to stop coastal erosion that is taking 40 acres of land from Louisiana a year. He said he established a $55 million coastal environment protection fund. He said that it is important to try to preserve Louisiana's coastline because land lost can effect the boundary between federal and state oil properties.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the three-mile coastal boundary that separates federal and state offshore mineral property can move according to changes in the coastline.