

# Weicker

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## To Remain a Republican

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U.S. Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. announced last night that he will remain a member of the Republican party despite past differences with the national and state party organization.

The announcement ended nearly three months of speculation and uncertainty over Weicker's future in the party that had begun shortly after last fall's gubernatorial elections when he shocked the party by saying that he was weighing a future as a political independent.

The outcome of his deliberations had been considered far from certain before a speech last night, which contained implicit criticisms of the present party philosophy. But the speech left little doubt of his intention to remain a Republican despite considerable hostility to him in some party circles.

It is too early, however, to tell whether he has placated that hostility and can count on easy renomination to the Senate in 1976.

He had incurred that hostility by his active role in the Senate Watergate hearings and his attack on Robert H. Steele, his party's unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate. Some fellow Republicans also have let it be known that they consider him arrogant and petulant.

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