Reagan Says San Diego¹⁹⁷²

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SACRAMENTO — (UPI) — Gov. Reagan says San Diego has met its obligation to remain the site for the Republican National Convention but the party has other problems to consider concerning a possible switch to Miami Beach.

After a meeting yesterday with Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego, Reagan said, "Mayor Wilson is convinced, as am I, that the people of California and the city of San Diego have done everything they promised and have the ability to live up to their obligations."

But he said the GOP national site selection committee's problems "apparently go beyond that to considerations of San Diego costs vs. those of Miami Beach, the committee's relationship with the San Diego sports arena management and the growing size of room requirements over original estimates."

Reagan noted that "neither the state nor the city can do anything about costs and specific contractual arrangements of the national committee."

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Reagan said in a prepared statement after meeting with Wilson that the national committee "will meet soon to decide whether they will need to move the site, or leave it in San Diego."