

Ford isn't talking about Nixon health

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ANAHEIM — President Ford refused to discuss Richard Nixon's health with GOP leaders at a White House meeting earlier this week, U.S. Sen. William Brock said yesterday.

Answering questions at a news conference, the Tennessee Republican said that Ford's pardon of the former president was raised at a meeting with about a dozen Senate and House Republican leaders.

Brock said when the discussion turned to the issue of Nixon's health, "The President did not wish to discuss it . . . He declined to discuss it."

Ford mentioned Nixon's health when he granted the former president a full pardon for any crimes he may have committed while in office.

Brock said the health issue obviously concerned Ford, but Brock added that he does not know any more about it than that.