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Sen. Buckley: Nixon
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WASHINGTON — Sen. James J. Buckley said yesterday that in the four months since he called on President Nixon to resign, Nixon has lost his capacity to govern and to communicate with Congress and the people.

Once one of Nixon's staunchest supporters, Buckley, the New York Conservative-Republican, said the President is now "no longer able to work effectively."

He said Nixon has failed on domestic issues and has shown "indecisiveness" in foreign policy.

"You no longer see a sense of caution, a sense of

direction or leadership from the White House," Buckley

said in an interview.

He said his view that Nixon should quit has been "reinforced" by complete "collapse of confidence" in the President.

"By continuing in office he is hurting the country, instead of helping the country," he added.

Buckley said that "fairness to one guy is not as important as keeping this country on an even keel."

However, the senator refused to make a judgement on the President's guilt or innocence. Any Senator who does is irresponsible, he said.