

SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR
SECRETARY ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
SWEARING-IN OF GENERAL COUNSEL
JAMES H. BURNLEY IV
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* It's a pleasure to see so many of Jim Burnley's friends and family here this morning. Jim said he wanted a quiet little ceremony, limited to just a few close personal friends -- and coffee and danish for 800.

* Jim has been a familiar face around the Department for some weeks now, and today we're making it official. I'm delighted to have someone of his caliber and experience joining the management team here at the Department of Transportation to serve as my chief legal advisor.

* Jim told me he wanted this ceremony to reflect his family roots. Little did we know that meant he'd bring in the whole family tree. I'd like to pay special tribute to Jim's relatives here with us today:

- his grandmother, Mrs. James H. Burnley II;
- his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Burnley III;
- his wife, Jane;
- his son, Jay.

* I'd like to say a special thank-you to Jane and Jay for sharing so much of his time with us. I know, Jane, that you feel like a DOT widow -- and if it's any consolation, there's a U.S. Senator from Kansas who feels pretty much the same way.

* Jim brings impressive credentials to his new job -- including degrees from Yale University and Harvard Law School. But despite his Yankee education, he's always been a true son of his native North Carolina. He practiced law for eight years in Greensboro, and took an active role in building the Republican Party at the state and local level.

* He moved here in 1981 to join the Reagan Administration, holding a series of important positions with VISTA, the Justice Department, and now Transportation. So, for now at least, he's a Washington lawyer by day, but still a Tarheel at night and on weekends. His passions for stock car racing, country music and North Carolina pit-cooked barbecue remain undiminished.

* And as one who is not exactly unfamiliar with that great state, I understand the attraction completely.

* So we're here today to express our appreciation for Jim Burnley -- a good friend, outstanding attorney and trusted advisor. He's tops in my book, but he's not the top-ranking legal official here this morning. That distinction is held by the Attorney General of the United States, who's been kind enough to join us this morning. At this time, I'd like to introduce Jim's former boss, my fellow Cabinet member and good friend, the Honorable William French Smith, who will administer the oath of office to Jim.