

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR SECRETARY DOLE  
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I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUDGET IS A MODEL OF HOW FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES CAN BE MAINTAINED WHILE THE DEFICIT IS REDUCED. WE SIMPLY CAN'T CONTINUE TO DO ALL WE'VE BEEN DOING -- WE'VE HAD TO RETHINK THE FEDERAL ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION POLICY.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION IN FISCAL YEAR 1987 WITH A BUDGET REQUEST OF \$21.7 BILLION. THAT'S \$5 BILLION LESS THAN LAST YEAR -- AN ALMOST 20 PERCENT REDUCTION.

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-- MASS TRANSIT EXAMPLES

-- DALLAS A MODEL FOR LOCAL FINANCING. ONE CENT GASOLINE TAX FINANCING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

-- TREMENDOUS LOCAL INVOLVEMENT IN MASS TRANSIT

-- LIMITED TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE-WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF BETTER GOVERNMENT.



- PRIVITIZATION
- CONRAIL-GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF RR BUSINESS
- AIRPORTS
- AIR DEREGULATION

I'VE OFTEN SAID SAFETY IS MY TOP PRIORITY -- WHAT A JOY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE -- THREE-PRONGED SAFETY INITIATIVES.

- 93 PERCENT OF FATALITIES ON HIGHWAYS
- THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 44,000 DEATHS PER YEAR ON OUR HIGHWAYS
- HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT THREE INTEGRAL ELEMENTS: THE HIGHWAY, THE DESIGN OF THE VEHICLE AND THE BEHAVIOR OF THE DRIVER.

- LAST YEAR, HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS WERE FUNDED AT RECORD LEVELS -- ABOUT \$14.5 BILLION. (TEXAS HAS RECEIVED \$4.070 BILLION AS A RESULT OF STAA)
- SINCE 1983, SPENDING HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 50 PERCENT FOR REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. HIGHWAY REAUTHORIZATION BILL WILL CONTINUE FUNDING FOR REPAIRS AT THIS LEVEL OVER THE NEXT 4 YEARS.
- DESIGN OF VEHICLE: HIGH MOUNTED STOP LAMP
  - SAVE \$434 MILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PREVENT 900,000 ACCIDENTS.
- BEHAVIOR OF THE DRIVER.
  - SUPPORTED LEGISLATION ENCOURAGING STATES TO SET 21 AS



THEIR LEGAL MINIMUM DRINKING AGE. (TEXAS' "AGE 21" LAW TAKES EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 1986)

-- WILL DO AWAY WITH TODAY'S "CRAZY QUILT" OF DIFFERENT STATE DRINKING LAWS, RESULTING IN WHAT HAVE BEEN CALLED "BLOOD BORDERS."

-- BEST DEFENSE AGAINST THE DRUNK DRIVER IS THE SAFETY BELT. (TEXAS SEAT BELT LAW TOOK EFFECT SEPT. 1, 1985)

--ALCOHOL-DRUG RULE ENDED 12 YEARS OF DEBATE.

-- AIR SAFETY

-- WORLDWIDE, HIGHEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES - 15,000 FLIGHTS A DAY, 99.999%

-- WIND SHEAR - DFW AIRPORT NOW HAS A REGULAR WIND SHEAR ALERT

SYSTEM IN PLACE (A DELTA L1011 CRASHED AT DFW LAST AUGUST AND WIND SHEAR MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED)

-- DOPPLER TEST SYSTEM HAS JUST BEEN INSTALLED IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA TO STUDY LOW-LEVEL WIND SHEAR, "MICROBURSTS", AND OTHER HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS.-- DFW WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST 14 AIRPORTS TO BE OUTFITTED WITH THE DOPPLER RADAR SYSTEM WHEN TESTS COMPLETED.

-- AVIATION SECURITY, MONITORING OF AIRPORTS AROUND THE WORLD.

-- INTERNATIONAL TEAMS TO MONITOR.

-- EXPEDITIOUS ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD - FOR THE FIRST TIME - MAKE IT A FEDERAL CRIME TO ENTER AIRPORT SECURED AREAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY.



- AUTHORITY FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES.
- AIR MARSHALS, SECURITY COORDINATORS.
- WORKING WITH CONGRESS ON COMPREHENSIVE OIL SPILL LEGISLATION.

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