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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, March 14, with an actuality on oil pollution and a story on airport development funding.

"A three day conference on prevention and control of oil spills opened today in Washington. Rear Admiral William M. Benkert, Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Marine Environment and Systems, addressed the joint industry-government conference..."

"We in the Coast Guard applaud your many efforts in the cleanup and removal of the results of pollution incidents. But we both have been involved in too many of these incidents. The public mandate is loud and clear. Our goal must be no discharge. This mandate has been clearly presented to the Coast Guard in our statutes and we fully intend to do our best in pursuing it to a successful conclusion."

Next, a Department spokesman with a story on Congressional testimony today on airport development.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation has called on the Congress to hold funding for the Airport Development Aid Program in the immediate future to the current level of \$280 million a year. Under Secretary Egil Krogh, Jr. -- testifying before a subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee -- noted that the Congress is considering a bill identical to a measure vetoed by President Nixon last year. He cited the 'need to protect the American taxpayer from inflation and unwanted tax increases' as being just as strong today as then. The Under Secretary also asked for a delay in substantive legislative changes until studies, relative to the issue, are completed."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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