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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, March 28 has two actualities, one on budget and legislation and the other on the Coast Guard.

First, two excerpts from a speech by Deputy Under Secretary of Transportation Theodore Lutz before the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday, in Lincoln. The first excerpt deals with the Federal budget and the second deals with the proposed legislation on the Highway Trust Fund.

"The Federal Government takes over 20 percent of your personal income. Without proper restraint, without the actions taken by the President to ensure substantial savings, maintaining a balanced budget at full employment would require personal income taxes to increase 15 percent. The American people have been taxed to the breaking point -- and no Federal tax increase should be required to finance the new Federal budget. The budget reduces or terminates 115 outmoded programs currently paid for by the American taxpayer. As expected, an uproar from special interests involved in each program instantly surfaced. Plain common sense will tell you that special interests cannot be met at the expense of the economy of this nation as a whole."

"The Highway Trust Fund has been continually updated to keep pace with changing national transportation needs. The purposes of the Trust Fund have been broadened each year to include highway safety measures, relocation and replacement housing, financing of forest highways and even the financing of ferry boats. We are just taking a logical, reasonable step to continue this modernization of the Trust Fund."

Next, an excerpt from a speech by Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar to the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association, on Bosses Day, Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

"Perhaps more than any service, the Coast Guard, I would imagine, responds quickly and capably to crisis situations, because you people deal all the time with wartime-type crises. You're always at war with the ice, or the weather, or the high seas, or people getting lost, or being injured, or breaking laws. I was very impressed with the fact that last year you answered some 60,000 calls for assistance, saved over 2,000 lives, well over a billion dollars in property."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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