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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, June 7 has two excerpts from testimony given today by Under Secretary designate John T. Barnum, before the Senate Commerce Committee on no-fault insurance.

"Over the past two years we have been actively and vigorously working for, not simply talking about, first-party, no-fault automobile insurance reform. In this effort, we have had the whole-hearted cooperation and support of the vast majority of the Nation's statehouses, a growing proportion of the insurance industry, significant and influential elements of the bar, a wide spectrum of consumer, labor and business interests, and, increasingly, the legislatures of the several States.

"This Administration strongly believes in first party, no-fault insurance. President Nixon has personally endorsed it saying, 'No-fault insurance is an idea whose time has come . . . I consider it to be a vast improvement and a genuine reform for the benefit of the consuming public.' The Department has devoted considerable time and effort in encouraging State adoption of meaningful no-fault insurance programs. We fully intend to continue our vigorous support for this policy."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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