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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, June 21 has an actuality on congressional testimony and a story on an inquiry into the research submarine tragedy.

First, in testimony in Senate Commerce Committee hearings on fuel conservation, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Plans and International Affairs Irwin P. Halpern listed energy conservation priorities which Transportation Secretary Brinegar has recently identified.

"The Department's pursuit of the energy conservation goal by his direction will be along several lines: (1) steps to reduce the amount of fuel used by the surface and air modes of transportation; (2) measures to move the transportation of passengers and freight to the more economically efficient modes, which would result in more efficient use of energy; and (3) research and development of techniques to reduce the fuel consumption of highway vehicles."

Next, a story by a Department spokeswoman on a proposed board of inquiry into the submarine accident off the Florida Keys this week.

"A Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation will open hearings to look into the deaths of two men trapped in the research submarine Johnson Sea Link off the Florida Keys on June 17th. With preliminary investigations now underway, Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Chester R. Bender announced the convening of the Board in Ft. Pierce, Florida, on Friday, June 22nd. Two of the four men aboard the small submarine died after being trapped for nearly three days in the wreckage of a U.S. Navy Destroyer, near Key West."

This has been the Transportation News-Report.

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