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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, June 25 has a story by a Department spokesman on overloading of recreational vehicles and an actuality. First, the story on recreational vehicles.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation says that large numbers of recreational vehicles are being operated on the highways while loaded beyond their suspension capabilities.

"The findings stem from a survey of motor homes and trucks, carrying camper bodies. It points up problems with load ratings and distribution, proper tire inflation as well as instructions to vehicle owners.

"About 1,000 vehicles were examined and some 8,800 were weighed in the sample.

"Manufacturers of recreational vehicles were asked to submit plans to correct such problems to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration."

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Next, stimulating other forms of transportation than the automobile was mentioned as an urgent priority of the seventies and beyond, in a speech given today by Assistant Secretary of Transportation Robert T. Monagan. Speaking in Los Angeles, Monagan commented:

"Last year this nation spent \$200 billion for transportation and transportation services. Well over 80% of that went directly or indirectly for highway and highway related transportation. The priority demands of the seventies and beyond are changing due to problems caused by urban congestion, the energy shortage, and air pollution. We must shift away from our over-reliance on automobile transportation, especially in the urban areas. The Department of Transportation is implementing this policy by providing greater flexibility both in transportation funding for urban areas as well as in the use of these funds by state and local authorities. We believe that these agencies know best their local priorities."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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