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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, August 24 has actualities on seat belts and part two of the series of consumer reports on the odometer law.

First, in a speech on highway safety given before the Council of Presidents, Women's National Organizations, Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar referred to the life saving potential of passenger restraint systems:

"We endorse strongly seat belt laws. We are working hard in several states for legislation that would require, as a state law, usage of seat belts. Since this new Highway Act provides some "incentive" money that we can give to the first few states that enact such legislation, I am hopeful that we may soon see some significant breakthroughs.

"The new interlock system, the system that will be on the 74 cars and later, we are quite hopeful will increase belt usage still further. Personally, I've tried it out and I've found that the new belt system is better designed and more comfortable to wear. While the new system may raise a few tempers -- it will clearly also save many lives."

Next, Ann Uccello, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Department of Transportation comments on the application of the new, anti-tampering odometer law.

"The new odometer law applies to you as a seller just as it provides protection for you, as a buyer. Whatever mileage information you now have a right to demand when you are buying a car; you are required to provide when you sell a car. Whether you are buying or selling, the following items are required by the new law as part of the transfer of vehicle ownership:

"A signed statement from the seller for the buyer which must contain the vehicle's actual odometer reading plus a statement that this reading is a correct record of the vehicle's actual mileage or if the seller knows the odometer reading differs from the vehicle's actual mileage or if the seller knows the odometer reading differs from the vehicle's actual mileage, the statement that the vehicle's true mileage is unknown; the name and address of the seller; the date of transfer of ownership; the vehicle's identification by make; model, year

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and body type, vehicle identification number and plate number; and a sentence in which the seller refers to the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act and his civil liability under the law if the information given is incorrect."

This has been the Transportation News Report. Monday, part three in the series on the odometer law.

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