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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, October 12 has two cuts of Secretary Brinegar on transportation and energy conservation.

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar spoke to the Society of Automotive Engineers in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, today and talked about ways to solve the energy problem in transportation, saying:

"The time has come for our Nation to urgently and cooperatively move forward with two obvious steps: do all it can to increase domestic oil supplies -- through increased crude oil exploration and increased refinery capacity, and to decrease unnecessary oil usage -- through stepped-up energy conservation. The former will require increased incentives to the private companies that are best able to carry out these programs, and the latter will require a public acceptance of the need for a new ethic -- the ethic of energy conservation.

"While our Department's programs to expand energy-efficient transportation, such as mass transit and long-haul rail, are worthwhile steps, nothing can really make the necessary fuel savings until we significantly improve the energy efficiency of the automobile -- the user of over 50% of our transportation fuels. Clearly, we must find ways to cut the car's weight, increase engine efficiency, curtail unnecessary driving, and increase occupancy in necessary driving."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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