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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, November 16, has two actualities of Secretary of Transportation Brinegar on energy.

Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar, at a Seattle News Conference today, talked about energy crisis priorities. He was asked about home heating versus industry heating. . .

"That's a no win choice, for sure. I think the choice is going to not be between no heat and no jobs -- but rather between less heat and as many jobs as possible. I think the thrust of the President's message last week was that we have to be very careful on our home heating and he's initially ordered a 15% cut in the allocation to the home heating market. You can lower thermostats, you can dress a little warmer, and you can tolerate a little colder home environment -- but if you have to shut a plant down or have to stop plowing, or shut a truck down, there's no way you can do a little bit of that. So I think that, on balance, the priorities will be into the employment sector with trying to minimize the impact on the home sector but it's going to have to take some cuts."

What priority the farmers are going to have for fuel, the Secretary commented.

"Well the farm sector will have the highest priority. Now unfortunately, there may be a lot of people with the highest priority. And those total priorities may exceed the supplies. But, there is a program that went into effect November first, that was designed to allocate these distillate products. Unfortunately, this program was designed before the Middle East War erupted -- and so in the very few days it has been in effect, there have been some disruptions in farm supplies. But they're promptly being corrected. And I can assure you that the agricultural sector will be of the highest priority -- along with mass transit-the movement of people in cities, buses, and trucks. These things obviously are of extraordinary importance and will be pushed as much as possible."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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