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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday and Thursday, November 21 and 22, has an actuality dealing with the railroads and a story on seat belt harnesses for children.

First, an actuality with a lead in:

The railroad's efforts to save fuel were described in a Baltimore news conference this week by the Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administrator. John Ingram commented:

"The railroads are doing a lot to conserve fuel. We're running trains at a slower rate of speed in some areas, where that can be done efficiently. We're increasing the size of trains. We're not operating power without full loads behind them, and the railroads are taking several voluntary actions to conserve fuel."

Next, a story by a Department spokesman on seat belt harnesses.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation has advised the Hanksraft Company, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, that some of its Model 700 child seat belt harnesses have failed to meet Federal safety standards. The harnesses were tested for retainer webbings, upper torso webbings, and overall assembly strength, and failed to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The harnesses in question were manufactured from December 1968 thru 1971, and then discontinued. The company is asking owners to return the harnesses for a refund of the original purchase price. An investigation is continuing with an eye toward possible civil penalties.

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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