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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, November 27, has a story dealing with highway speed limit legislation and an actuality on the nation's ports.

First, the story related to energy conservation by a Department spokesman.

"A Department of Transportation official testified on Capitol Hill today about the need for legislation enabling the Executive Branch to set maximum speed limits on highways in order to save fuel.

"Irwin Halpern, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Plan and International Affairs, said that while the Department supports the intent of a bill which would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set maximum speed limits on Interstate Highways, it feels more should be done.

"He suggested to the Energy Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee that these efforts become part of a comprehensive energy bill now taking shape in the House. He proposed among other things that the authority for speed limit reduction apply to all highways (not just the Interstate) and that it be based on the energy emergency rather than becoming permanent legislation."

Next, an actuality by Robert Binder, Assistant Secretary Designate for Policy, Plans and International Affairs, who spoke in Milwaukee today on the need to integrate ports into the nation's total transportation system.

"Without being able to look very far into the future, it seems safe to say that port activities which interface with one of the oldest and most energy-efficient means of transportation -- water -- will play an increasingly important role."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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