

Bill Seeks Easier Ways to Seek Out Oil Spills

WASHINGTON—Congressman Howard W. Pollock has introduced two amendments to the 1970 Coast Guard authorization bill that are designed to improve the Coast Guard's ability to find and control oil spills.

The authorization bill is now under consideration by the House of Representatives.

Price tag for the two amendments is approximately \$5.7 million, Pollock said.

The first amendment increases the number of helicopters authorized from six to eight. Helicopters are used by the Coast Guard to patrol the coastline searching for oil slicks.

The second amendment would provide for the acquisition of two new transportable oil storage systems instead of one. The oil storage system was developed by the Coast Guard.

In commenting on the cost involved in the two amendments, Pollock said: "This is a small price to pay for the protection such added equipment will produce. If even one major oil spill is detected and prevented from reaching our coast, this expenditure will be more than justified."
