

Pollock: Give Village Natives Title to 1 Acre

Rep. Howard W. Pollock of Alaska came out in support of a cash settlement of \$500 million and 14 million acres of land for investment purposes as a possible solution to the native land claims controversy.

On the matter of a 2 per cent royalty on gas and oil leases, he sought a "middle ground" and suggested that the federal government might contribute 20 per cent of its revenues from the outer continental shelf of Alaska for a period of 20 years or until a total of \$500 million is contributed.

In addition to the 14 million acres of land for investment purposes, the congressman would allow natives living in villages to have title to as much as one acre of land for their own use.

He would also allow native communities to select lands for their own expansion and would make adjacent lands available to these communities for subsistence hunting.

Meanwhile, the Senate Interior Committee is thought to be reaching the final stage of its deliberations on a land claims bill.