

Howard Pollock Votes To Override Veto

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressman Howard W. Pollock "most reluctantly" voted to override President Nixon's veto of the Medical Facilities Construction and Modernization Amendments of 1970.

The President's veto was overridden in the House by a vote of 279-98, with 2 members voting present.

Money allocated under the act is used for the construction and modernization of hospitals, old-age homes, and other medical facilities.

Explaining the reasons for his vote, Pollock commented, "Most of the State's medical facilities are presently operating at or near capacity. By the end of 1971, the state administration projects that 525 new beds costing 26 million will be needed."

"In the past, many hundreds of thousands in hospital construction and modernization funds have been allocated to Alaska under the predecessor to the 1970 legislation," Pollock added.

The Congressman pointed out that hospitals in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Seward have been partially constructed with federal medical facilities funds.

Pollock also mentioned that all but \$200,000 of the \$3,500,000 recently authorized in Alaska state bonding legislation can only be used to match federal funds allocated under the 1970 Medical Facilities legislation.

Pollock said that he strongly supports President Nixon's pro-

gram to curb inflation by reducing federal spending.

"However," the Congressman declared, "in certain critical areas affecting basic human needs, such as federal aid to education and health care, we simply cannot afford to reduce federal expenditures at this time."