

Pollock Seeks Tax Credit for Employers Upgrading Skills

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Congressman Howard W. Pollock

(R-Alaska) last week introduced a bill to allow tax credits to employers for the expenses of programs designed to upgrade the skills of current or prospective employees.

The bill, entitled the Human Investment Act of 1967, is a part of the Republican legislative program for the 90th Congress. It has the backing of the Republican leadership and was simultaneously introduced by other Republican members of the House of Representatives.

The bill provides an incentive to American businesses to invest in the improvement of the nation's human resources by hiring, training and employing presently unemployed

workers who lack needed job skills.

It also encourages programs that will upgrade job skills and provide new job opportunities for workers presently employed.

Pollock said, "This bill is particularly important to Alaska. New industry is being attracted to Alaska, bringing with it many new jobs. It is important that Alaskans be in a position to fill these jobs, many of which require specialized training. The proposed Human Investment Act will provide an incentive for industry to train Alaskans for these jobs, and will eliminate, to some extent, the importation of skilled workers from other areas."

Congressman Pollock said he hoped the bill would be enacted during the 90th Congress.