

H.W.P. Tries Reverse Of Migratory Trends

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Howard W. Pollock (R-Alaska) has introduced legislation to increase expenditures for public works in smaller urban communities as a means of reversing migratory trends to ward large metropolitan areas.

"Congress has provided large sums of money to improve conditions in large metropolitan areas, thereby increasing growth and contributing to the creation of serious social and economic problems," Pollock said.

The Congressman continued, "A program of public works directed at the smaller communities may help solve the problems of the metropolitan areas by reversing the migratory trend to the large cities.

Under this legislation the Governor of each state would

conduct a study and investigation and submit a report to the Secretary of Commerce outlining the need for public works programs in urban areas within the State. 50% of the costs of such studies may be paid for by the Federal Government.

Pollock said, "public works projects under this act would include, but not be limited to, construction or improvement of highways, airports and other transportation facilities, sewage treatment facilities, water conservation and flood control measures, river and harbor projects, public buildings and grounds and other worthwhile public works projects."

This legislation, while primarily designed to reverse the migrating trend to the large metropolitan areas, will be extremely beneficial to the smaller communities who have not been receiving an equitable share of public works projects in recent years.

Pollock added, "This legislation would be especially beneficial to Alaska's urban communities who are struggling to meet the needs of their citizens."

Pollock concluded, "Twenty-six Republicans have joined in sponsoring this legislation.