
Oil Advisers Who Donated to Nixon

Washington

Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday that members of the National Petroleum Council, an advisory group to the Interior Department gave more than \$1.2 million to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Aspin said the amount was donated by 56 per cent of the council's 125 members. He said the disclosure makes the council's role in developing projections of energy resources and needs impossible.

With big oil manipulating the data and most of the manipulators being listed as

big contributors to the President there is little chance that honest independent estimates can be made," Aspin said.

He said the largest single contributor on the council was John Shaheen of Shaheen Natural Resources a New York firm, who was listed as giving \$107,000.

Shaheen was a former client of President Nixon's old law firm.

Aspin suggested the National Petroleum Council be reorganized and additional independent retailers and consumers be named to the body.

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