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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name American Benefits Council (formerly the Association of Private Pension & Welfare)			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1212 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 1250			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20005-3987			
4. Contact Name James A. Klein	Telephone 202-289-6700	E-mail (optional) jklein@abcstaff.org	5. Senate ID # 4675
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID #

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)
9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report 10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇨ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying **INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13**

<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ <u>220,000.00</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of method.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature James A. Klein

Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

Registrant Name American Benefits Council Client Name _____

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the re, engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

See attached

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
United States Senate United States House of Representatives
United States Department of Labor United States Treasury
The White House Employee Benefits Security Administrati
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
James A. Klein	
Lynn D. Dudley	
Janet M. Jacobson	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature James A. Klein Date 13 Feb 04

Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City

State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

John C. Scott

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that no longer pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Bu: (city and state or co)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant or affiliated organization

Signature James A. Klein Date 13 Feb 04

Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

See attached

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
United States Senate United States House of Representatives
United States Department of Labor Pension Welfare Benefits Administration
The White House Health Care Financing Administration/CM

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
James A. Klein	
Paul W. Dennett	
Maria M. Ghazal	
Susan A. Relland	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature James A. Klein Date 13 Feb 04

Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

American Benefits Council

July 1 - December 31, 2003

Health Care Legislative/Lobbying Activities

Legislative:

S. 1	Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003
S. 10	Health Care Coverage Expansion and Quality Improvement Act
S. 11	Patients First Act of 2003
S. 423	Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act
S. 486	Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act
S. 545	Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003
S. 607	HEALTH Act of 2003
S. 720	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
S. 1053	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003
S. 1450	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional choice regarding unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements
S. 1693	Health Care Tax Credit Expansion Act of 2003
H.R. 1	Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (P 173)
H.R. 5	Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003
H.R. 596	ERISA Clarification Act of 2003
H.R. 597	Patient Protection Act
H.R. 660	Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003
H.R. 663	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
H.R. 877	Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2003
H.R. 953	Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act
H.R. 1177	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional choice regarding unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements
H.R. 1120	Health Care Antitrust Improvements Act of 2003
H.R. 1322	Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2003
H.R. 1562	Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003
H.R. 1749	Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act
H.R. 1776	Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2003
H.R. 1893	Teacher Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Act of 2003
H.R. 1910	Genetic Nondiscrimination in Health Insurance and Employment Act
H.R. 2351	Health Savings Account Availability Act
H.R. 2427	Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2003
H.R. 2596	Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2003

Regulatory:

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act (Pub. L. No. 108-173)
- Department of Treasury on Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Clarification of the Age Discrimination Act (ADEA) to Employer-Sponsored Health Care Benefits for Retirees
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Determination Process
- Department of Labor (DOL) Proposed Clarifications for COBRA Notice Rules
- Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Use of Debit and Credit Cards and HRAs
- Department of Health and Human Services Final Regulations on Confidentiality of Health Information

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Retirement Legislative/Lobbying Activities

Legislative

House

H.R. 2, the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act
H.R. 286, no title
H.R. 518, the Retirement Account Portability Improvement Act
H.R. 626, the Ending the Double Standard on Stock Options Act
H.R. 975, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act
H.R. 1000, the Pension Security Act
H.R. 1372, the Broad-Based Stock Option Plan Transparency Act
H.R. 1397, the Employee Benefits Protection Act
H.R. 1677, the Pension Benefits Protection Act
H.R. 1776, the Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act
H.R. 2101, the Pension Fairness Act
H.R. 2127, the Taxpayer Savings and Employee Notification Act
H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act
H.R. 2896, American Jobs Creation Act
H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act
H.R. 2989, Treasury/Transportation Appropriations bill
H.R. 3005, Pension Security Disclosure Act
H.R. 3108, Pension Funding Equity Act
H.R. 3521, Tax Relief Extension Act
H.R. 3574 Stock Option Accounting Reform Act

Senate

S. 2, the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act
S. 9, the Pension Protection and Expansion Act
S. 182, the Ending the Double Standard on Stock Options Act
S. 206, no title
S. 228, the Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act
S. 629, the Catch-Up Lost Retirement Savings Act
S. 825, the Pension Benefits Protection Act
S. 979, the Broad-Based Stock Option Plan Transparency Act
S. 1054, the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act
S. 1550, Pension Stability Act
S. 1617, Women's Pension Protection Act
S. 1698, Retirement Security Advice Act
S. 1890, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act
S. 1912, Retirement Account Portability Act
S. 1958, Mutual Fund Investor Protection Act
S. 1971, Mutual Fund Investor Confidence Restoration Act

National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act

Regulatory

DOL Advisory Opinion on 404(c) Compliance
EEOC Guidance on Retiree Health Benefits
IRS Notice on Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System
IRS/Treasury Anticipated Guidance on Cash Balance Plan Whipsaw Issue
IRS/Treasury Guidance on Non-Discrimination Rules for Cash Balance Plans
IRS/Treasury Notice on Benefits Treated as Early Retirement Benefits and Retirement-Type Subsidies
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Age Discrimination in Retirement Plans
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Catch-Up Contributions
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Incentive Stock Options
IRS/Treasury Project on Determination Letter Process
IRS/Treasury Project on Pension Interest Rate Replacement
IRS Notice Requesting Comments on Mortality Tables
IRS/Treasury Final Regulations on Disclosure, QJSAs and QPSAs
IRS/Treasury Final Regulations on Split-Dollar Life Insurance Arrangements
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Elimination of Optional Forms of Distribution
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on 401(k)/(m) Plans
IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations Regarding Statutory Stock Options
SEC Guidance on Effect of Sarbanes-Oxley Act on Plan Loans and Split-Dollar Arrangements
SEC Proposed Rule Addressing Pricing of Mutual Fund Shares

