

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

INTL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

2. Address:

900 SEVENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20001

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: RICK DIEGEL

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Senate ID #: 19822-12

House ID #: 31118000

7. Client Name: Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2005 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 Activity:

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Income (nearest \$20,000): _____

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).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000:

\$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 440,000.00

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

- Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only
 Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code
 Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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15. General issue area code: CIV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported an amendment offered by Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA) to the so-called Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (S. 5), that would "carve-out" state wage & hour and civil rights class actions from proposed legislation. State wage & hour laws generally provide more complete and timely remedies for victims of unscrupulous employers than the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). In the absence of a carve-out, many cases will be forced into federal court where they face needless delays and less favorable procedures. Many cases will be disqualified as a class, leaving victims on their own in attempts to recover lost wages.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

SENATE

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: DIEGEL, RICK

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

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15. General issue area code: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported postponement of an FCC vote regarding the status of cable must-carry for multicast digital broadcast signals. The delay of this decision would allow Congress and the new FCC Chairperson the opportunity to work together to consider all the issues concerning the transition to digital television and its effect on the many IBEW highly skilled members employed in the broadcast industry who are deeply concerned about the outcome of this issue. Denying cable must-carry status in the evolution of high-definition television (HDTV) would effectively kill new, innovative, job-creating services. (No bill reference).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
SENATE

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: DIEGEL, RICK

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SHULER, LIZ

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: WRIGHT, SHERILYN

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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15. General issue area code: DEF (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported inclusion of language to the Fiscal 2006 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 1815/S. 1042) to limit the practice of leasing foreign-built ships by the Department of Defense (DOD) to not longer than 24 months to meet military requirements. This practice does not sustain the shipbuilding industrial manufacturing base in the U.S., and results in lost jobs, loss of skilled craftsmanship, and low rates of naval ship production. Other bill references: H Con. Res. 95/S. Con. Res. 18, Fiscal 2006 Congressional Budget Resolution, (Ltr. 4/7/05) The IBEW opposed new personnel rules proposed by the Department of Defense (DOD). These new rules, National Security Personnel System (NSPS), eliminates collective bargaining rights and the pay systems for DOD workers, and do not take into account the substantial involvement of its employees' unions as required by law, in direct violation of the law. (No bill reference).

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

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15. General issue area code: ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed any amendments to the Senate Draft Energy bill that would repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA) of 1935. Market manipulation and failed deregulation policies have devastated the electric utility industry, workers, investors, and consumers resulting in job losses. Ref. S. 10, The Energy Policy Act of 2005, HR. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Ltr.04/20/05; 05/18/05) The IBEW supported the Feingold/Brownback Amendment (SA 796) to S. 10, "The Energy Policy Act of 2005." "The Fair Competition and Financial Integrity" or "ring fencing" amendment will provide the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with specific authority to address unfair competition arising from cross-subsidization and cost-shifting in transactions between a public utility and its unregulated affiliates. Under the proposed amendment, FERC would be empowered to develop rules establishing a "firewall" between a utility and its unregulated affiliates. Ltr. 06/22/05

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SENATE

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15. General issue area code: ENV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported S. 131, the Clear Skies Act of 2005, legislation that will promote coal, a domestic source of energy, while mandating a reduction in harmful emissions from the use of coal to generate electricity, and will produce good paying jobs.

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SENATE

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15. General issue area code: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supports restoring public and investor confidence in the markets and regulatory system and opposed the nomination of Representative Christopher Cox (R-48th -CA) to be SEC Chairman. Rep. Cox's past positions on issues of corporate accountability, investor protection and executive compensation are fundamentally opposed to the interests of investors and workers. (Ltr. 6/14/05)

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SENATE

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15. General issue area code: GOV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed the Senate leadership's consideration of a rule change that attempts to eliminate a Senator's right to filibuster judicial nominees, a tool that helps maintain the system of checks and balances of our government, thereby ensuring no one party has absolute control. This fight lays the groundwork for ending a Senator's ability to protect the minority he or she represents. Without the Filibuster the Senate would have the ability to seat anti-worker and anti-rights judges in our highest courts. It would deny the minority party its right to debate and challenge nominees.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supports legislation that would negotiate a fair compensation system for Asbestos victims. The asbestos proposals present concerns with regard to evidentiary burdens that are difficult to meet; restrictive medical criteria that are more stringent than those in other bankruptcy trusts; inadequate levels of compensation that are far lower than what victims now receive; pre-empts asbestos-related compensation for railroad workers covered by Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA); creates a new asbestos court with broad, non-reviewable powers; and impose an absolute cap on companies' liability, leaving workers to bear all the risk if claims projections are exceeded. Court costs and lawyers' fees take a good portion of current asbestos awards, leaving thousands of workers who have suffered without a fair resolution. Bill Ref. S. 852, Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005 (FAIR Act), S. 668, Asbestos Standards Enforcement Act of 2005, S. Res. 43, National Asbestos Awareness Resolution.

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15. General issue area code: LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported an amendment by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) to the Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, (S. 256) that would have raised the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. The IBEW opposed an amendment by Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) that would have raised the minimum wage to \$6.25 an hour. The amendment would have destroyed the 40-hour workweek by replacing it with an 80-hour over a two-week work period. It would have also removed up to 10 million workers from protection under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The IBEW supports the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) - H.R.1696/S.842. EFCA will strengthen protections for workers' freedom to form unions by requiring employers to recognize a union once a majority of workers sign cards authorizing union representation. It also provides for mediation and arbitration of first-contract disputes and authorizes stronger penalties for employers that violate the legal rights of workers seeking to form unions or negotiate first contracts.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW is opposed to privatization or any change to the Social Security System that would compromise this Trust Fund. The Administration's plan contains key elements that would allow workers to divert part of their payroll taxes (FICA) into private accounts and change the formula under which benefits are calculated. The impact of these proposals would affect retirees on fixed incomes, and amount to taking a huge gamble on the types of investments that workers made throughout their working careers. Mistakes in investment strategy could result in reduced market returns or financial ruin. Ref. Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (HR 1517), Stop the Raid on Social Security Act of 2005 (S. 1302), Social Security Right to Know (S. 274).

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15. General issue area code: TRA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged support for adding \$30 million of contract authority funding to the congestion relief program created by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and extended by section 5403 of the Transportation Equity Act, H.R. 3 (TEA-LU). The Senate version of this program [section 2105] adds only \$22.3 million. Re-bidding the existing contract and starting over would cause delays, reduce highway safety and lead to loss of good-paying union jobs. The IBEW supported an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd, (D-WV) to the FY 2006 Congressional Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 18) that would allow \$1.04 billion in fiscal 2006 funding for Amtrak, and increase the fiscal 2006 discretionary spending limit by \$1.04 billion. IBEW opposes privatizing of Amtrak.

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15. General issue area code: TRD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), which covers agreements with Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, does not include protections for workers' rights to form a union or to enjoy safe working conditions on the job. It does not include adequate enforcement mechanisms for violations of internationally recognized labor and environmental standards. It is about outsourcing jobs and losing our economic base. Bill Ref.: to Implement the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (H.R. 3045/S.1307)Ltr. 07/22/05

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 25, 2005

Printed Name and Title: RICK DIEGEL - DIR., POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT