

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:

1125 15TH ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

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 2004 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): 380,000.00

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: ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW strongly objected to the attempt to attach the revised Energy Policy Act of 2003 to the highway bill (S. 1072). The energy bill is costly, ill conceived and some of its provisions, such as the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA), will cause great harm to the membership of the IBEW and consumers. [Ltr. 2/11/04].

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
Name: SHULER, LIZ
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: GOV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported an amendment to carve-out civil rights and wage & hour class action cases from the Class Action Fairness Act of 2004, S. 2062. Civil rights & wage and hour class actions suits filed in state courts should remain in state courts. State wage & hour laws typically provide more complete and timely remedies for victims of unscrupulous employers than the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Citizens may not be able to bring class actions against corporations that violate state civil rights laws, even where a corporation has hundreds of employees living and working in a particular state. State civil rights laws afford greater protection than federal law.

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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

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: LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

IBEW supported an amendment that would authorize funds necessary under the Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) program for six additional months of unemployment benefits for people who have exhausted their state jobless benefits and who are no longer eligible for temporary federal unemployment benefits, which expired in December. Bill Reference H.R. 3030 [Ltr. 1/29/04] The IBEW urged support of the Employee Free Choice Act (S. 1925/H.R. 3619). Card check recognition should be the law of the land giving workers a mechanism in this proposed law to institute first contract arbitration and levy fines against employers who violate the law by stalling negotiations. The IBEW urged rejection of the new personnel rules proposed by the Department of Defense (DoD). In the interest of national security, Congress sought to grant DoD some additional flexibility in managing its work force. Instead, DoD has usurped Congressional authority and proposed that DoD be allowed to: 1. Replace good-faith bargaining with unions over personnel changes to mere "consultation;" 2. Allow DoD to unilaterally determine which changes are sufficiently significant to merit "consultation;" 3. Allow DoD to unilaterally implement personnel changes where it cannot reach agreement with the unions, thereby permitting all post-implementation negotiations to cease; 4. Create an unlevelled playing field at the new Defense Labor Relations Board (DLRB) because its members would be selected solely by the Secretary of Defense; and 5. Discriminate against DoD employees because, as a result, up to 200,000 DoD employees could lose their right to join unions. Bill Ref. H.R. 1588, FY 2004 Defense Authorization enacted in 2003 [Ltr. 3/29/04] The IBEW strongly opposes the final regulations written by the Department of Labor to change federal overtime pay rules. The overtime laws guarantee extra work will be rewarded with extra pay. These job protections were won after decades of struggle to make jobs safe and protect workers from abuse. These changes would erode the 40-hour workweek. IBEW opposed S. 2290, the "Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2004." S. 2290 creates a new asbestos trust fund that contains inadequate award values for victims and does not resolve fund solvency issues; pre-empts asbestos-related compensation for railroad workers covered by Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA); fails to address the separate treatment of pending claims and settlements; includes language that subrogates the victim's ability to collect other forms of compensation, such as worker's compensation; and lacks a sufficient medical screening provision for high risk workers. Additionally, court costs and lawyers' fees are a good portion of current asbestos awards, leaving unfair compensation settlements for victims. The IBEW supports elimination of prison work programs that unfairly compete with law-abiding citizens. Prison labor allows private companies to bid for work previously under the exclusive jurisdiction of Federal Prison Industries (FPI). Bill Ref. S. 346, a bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a government wide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed conference report on H.R. 3108, the "Pension Stability Act." While the conference agreement contains needed assistance for single employer plans, it does not contain the meaningful relief for multiemployer pension plans that our members and their employers greatly need. The relief would have allowed plans that were reeling from the extreme stock market losses to possibly avoid paying onerous excise taxes to the IRS, and make mandatory additional contributions to the plan on top of their collectively bargained agreement. If our employers are hit with these unexpected additional fees, it could bankrupt some companies, thus eliminating IBEW jobs. The short-term relief that the House rejected costs the federal government nothing and does not create additional liability for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). [Ltr. 4/2/04]

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

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

Name: SHULER, LIZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW strongly supports state policies that promote competition, economic growth, and job creation in the telecommunications industry. Under the Unbundled Network Elements Platform (UNE-P), states that encourage competition and set reasonable wholesale rates that the Bells can charge competitors to access their local phone lines are spurring billions of dollars in new investments, and consumer savings. Though the Bells may claim that these rates are "below cost," they fail to mention that the telephone lines they are required to lease were originally paid for by ratepayers and then given to the Bells after the break up of Ma Bell. It is also worth noting that nearly every independent audit, and the U.S. Supreme Court found that that the UNE-P pricing formula is fair, as it covers the Bells' actual costs and provides them a reasonable profit. No bill reference.

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SENATE

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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SHULER, LIZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported the nomination of former Congressman Bob Clement (D-TN, 1988-2003) as a nominee for a seat on the Amtrak Board of Directors, because of his distinguished career in public service, including military service, a seat on Tennessee's Public Service Commission Board and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Additionally, he was an advocate for transportation, particularly rail. No bill reference [Ltr. 1/29/04]. The IBEW urged an exemption to the DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Standards Administration final issuance of Hours of Service (HOS) rule. Drivers of utility service vehicles (USVs) who work for contractors and utilities have been affected by the rule, making it difficult for companies to respond to outages. The new rule's limitation on driving hours makes it nearly impossible for daytime utility workers to be called out in the evenings to respond to emergencies. The IBEW is seeking an exemption to the rules for drivers of USVs in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) reauthorization. Bill reference, H.R. 3550/S.1072. The IBEW urged approval of a contract that would allow the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) an opportunity to receive \$2 million in federal funds to be used for construction of a highway congestion alerting and safety system in St. Louis. This "Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure Program" (ITIP) would expand the system that MoDOT is currently building to include traffic congestion matters. It would create job opportunities for IBEW members and increase transportation efficiency by reducing the hours and fuel consumption lost in traffic congestion. Bill Ref. H.R. 3550/S. 1072.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW believes that S.1637, the Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act, is a significant overreach by those who support the continued export of American jobs and objects to existing Foreign Sales Corporation (FSC) tax breaks to U.S. manufacturers who sell their domestically built products outside the U.S. The IBEW urged Congress to oppose legislation that grants further incentives to offshore American jobs. [Ltr. 3/8/04]

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: **None**

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

Name: BURTON, BRUCE

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: Aug 12, 2004

Printed Name and Title: RICK DIEGEL - DIRECTOR, IBEW POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPT.

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

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

Name: DIEGEL, RICH

Name: EMIG, MICHAEL J.

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

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

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 15, 2004

Printed Name and Title: RICK DIEGEL - Director