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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name <u>American Foreign Service Association</u>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <u>2101 E. St., N.E., Washington, D. C., 20017</u>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country): _____			
4. Contact Name <u>Susan Reardon</u>	Telephone <u>(202) 338-4045</u>	E-mail (optional)	A. Senate ID # <u>2365-12</u>
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			B. House ID # <u>23194000</u>

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 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	
<p>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></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>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>70,000</u> <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature Susan Reardon

Printed Name and Title Susan Reardon (Executive Director)

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

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

107th Congress

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FY 2002: Concern for the Budget Level for Function 150. Will urge highest possible levels and at the minimum meet the Administration's request. Also will seek report language expressing need for greater funding for the international affairs account.

APPROPRIATIONS. AFSA will continue to follow and urge highest funding levels in both the Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations for FY 2002 and the Foreign Operations Appropriations for FY2002. In the Commerce, Justice and State bill, the major area of concerns will be funding levels for those appropriations covered under the Administration of Foreign, and with the Foreign Operations Appropriations, AFSA concerns will be in the Operating Expenses line.

106th Congress

H.R. 4942. COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY2001. AFSA was concerned about both the adequacy of the Administration's request as it applies to the operations account and the building account of the Department of State, especially embassy security funding, and the funding levels the Congress was considering in these areas. As in the past, AFSA believes neither have been adequately funded and works for increases above the Administration's general request. Specifically, AFSA sought embassy security funding be increased \$200 million above the Administration's request.

H.R. 4811. FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY2001. AFSA had general concerns over the entire bill's funding levels and the Administration's request for programs under this bill. However, AFSA was particularly concerned about adequate funding for the Operating Expense account of the bill as well as sufficient funding for security at USAID missions.

H.R. 4577 CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2001. AFSA supported the inclusion of Sec. 145 Div. B. Title I of the Act amending PL 105-382, so that certain retired Diplomatic Security Service employees could also participate in the Law Enforcement Retirement System as active duty DSS employees could under PL 105-382.

17. House(s) of congress and federal agencies contacted. Check if None
The respective Budget and Appropriations Committees in both the Senate and the House of Representatives in the Legislative Branch and the Department of State, other foreign affairs agencies in the Executive Branch and the Office of Management and Budget.

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Kennon H. Nakamura		
Ivo Spalatin		

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

Signature *Susan Reardon* Date 2-13-01

Printed Name and Title: Susan Reardon, Executive Director

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16. Specific lobbying issues

107th Congress

During the 1st Session, the Congress will work on the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for presumably 2001 and 2002. AFSA's interests in this legislation will be in the areas of funding levels authorized for current programs and any new programs required, possible reforms of the foreign affairs agencies and their effect upon Foreign Service personnel, and personnel issues that may be proposed affecting the Foreign Service in terms of grievance rights, training, retirement, compensation, etc.

106th Congress

AFSA continued to meet with relevant authorization and appropriations committees of the Congress to discuss issues regarding the funding of the programs under the 150 International Affairs Budget Function as well as issues pertinent to employees of the Foreign Service that would help enhance professional qualifications and conditions of being in the Foreign Service. Particular appropriations legislation for the 150 account is discussed in the AFSA filing for the Budget category. Among the authorization issues discussed are retirement computation, training, treatment of domestic partners of foreign service employees while they are posted abroad, security, etc.

AFSA was also interested in the Congress's views regarding the recommendations of the Secretary of State's Overseas Presence Advisory Panel (OPAP).

17. House(s) of congress and federal agencies contacted. Check if None

The House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Department of State

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16. Specific lobbying issues

107th Congress

AFSA will seek to amend:

5 USC 8411 regarding Creditable Service for participation in the Federal Employee Retirement System so that Part-time, Intermitent, and Temporary United States Government employees working in U.S. missions abroad from 1989 to 1998 can have their time counted as a creditable service;

Sec. 824 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (PL 96-465) regarding dual compensation limitations on Foreign Service annuitants reemployed by the Federal Government;

Sec. 405(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (PL 96-465) regarding Senior Foreign Service Presidential Awards; and

29 USC 213(f) regarding the "Foreign Exemption" on overtime pay as it applies to U.S. Government employees serving in U.S. missions abroad.

106th Congress

H.R. 4040, "Federal Retirement Coverage Errors Corrections Act" AFSA sought to have the Foreign Service included in legislation that would provide a retirement remedy for those federal employees who were placed in the incorrect retirement system through no fault of their own. (PL 106-265, signed 9/19/00)

H.R. 208, "Allowing for Contributions of Certain Rollover distributions to Accounts and Eliminating Certain Waiting Period Requirements for Participating in Thrift Savings Plan." AFSA supported the enactment of this bill and was assured that Foreign Service was included by definition to participate in the program. (PL 106-361, signed 10/27/00)

H.R. 4040. "Long Term Care Security Act". AFSA encouraged the enactment of long term care insurance programs for federal employees, and the inclusion of Foreign Service employees in this program. (PL 106-265, signed 9/19/00)

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The Government Reforms and Government Affairs Committees of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and also with the Department of State.

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16. Specific lobbying issues

107th and 106th Congresses

AFSA sought and continues to seek the amendment of current tax law regarding the exclusion of capital gains on the sale of a principal residence by having included the provisions in Congressman Houghton's bill, H.R. 865 (106th Congress) and the new bill he will introduce for the 107th Congress. AFSA seeks to have time away from the principal residence, when on an official duty assignment away from the principal residence for an extended period, not be counted as part of the "look back" in determining the amount of time having lived in the principal residence in order to qualify for existing capital gains exclusions. This amendment was section 204 in the 106th 1st Session's bill, H.R. 2488 and was part of the veto of the much larger tax bill.

17. House(s) of congress and federal agencies contacted. Check if None

The House of Representatives' Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Finance Committee, the Office of the Hon. Arno Houghton, and the tax staff of Senate members of the Senate Finance Committee.

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