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# LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant name <b>American Express CO</b>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <b>801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 650 Washington DC 20004 USA</b>			
3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2) <b>New York City NY 10285 US</b>			
4a. Contact Name	b. Telephone number	c. E-mail	5. Senate ID #
<b>Mr. Robert Thomson</b>	<b>(202) 434-0156</b>	<b>robert.b.thomson@aexp.com</b>	<b>2274-12</b>
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID #
<b>American Express CO</b>			<b>31021000</b>

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2005 Midyear (January 1-June30)  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 align="center"><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></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"/> ⇨ \$ _____</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"><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ <u>1,000,000</u></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of option</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Method A.</b> Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method B.</b> Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Method C.</b> Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Revenue Code</p>
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Signature Robert B. Thomson III Date 2/13/06

Printed Name and Title Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President

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Registrant Name American Express CO Client Name American Express CO

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the 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 BAN - Banking (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, deposit insurance reform  
HR 3492, Consumer Credit Card Protection Act of 2005, provisions relating to credit card terms and conditions  
HR 3505, Financial Regulatory Relief Act of 2005, interstate branching provisions, issues relating to federal savings banks, and Bank Secrecy Act provisions  
HR 3852, Credit Card Minimum Payment Warning Act of 2005, minimum monthly payment disclosures

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

Signature Robert B Thomson III Date 2/13/06

Printed Name and Title Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area BAN**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

HR 3882, Financial Safety and Equity Act of 2005, industrial loan company provisions  
 S 499, the Credit CARD Act of 2005, credit card practices, terms and conditions  
 S 1562, Safe and Fair Deposit Insurance Act of 2005, deposit insurance reform  
 S 1586, Interest on Business Checking Act of 2005, payment of interest on NOW accounts held by business

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15. General issue area code CPT - Copyright/Patent/Trademark (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 2791, US Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2005, charging of fees for patent and trademark filings  
HR 2795, Patent Reform Act of 2005, improvement of patent quality

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	

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

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15. General issue area code ENG - Energy/Nuclear (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005, analysis of the role and cost of credit card interchange rates on gasoline prices

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

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15. General issue area code FIN - Financial Institutions/Investments/Securities (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1080, Information Protection and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification  
HR 1263, Consumer Privacy Protection Act of 2005, data security and breach notification  
HR 1653, Safeguarding Americans from Exporting Identification Act of 2005, data safeguards for servicing customer accounts outside the United States.  
HR 3140, Consumer Data Security and Notification Act of 2005, data security and breach notification  
HR 3374, Consumer Notification and Financial data Protection Act of 2005, data security response

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	
Denise Ferguson	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area FIN**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- HR 3375, Financial Data Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- HR 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- HR 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 115, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 1216, Financial Privacy Breach Notification Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 1326, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 1332, Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 1336, Consumer Identity Protection and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 500, Information Protection and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 751, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 768, Comprehensive Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2005, identity theft prevention and data security
- S 810, SAFE-ID Act, privacy requirements for servicing customer accounts outside the United States
- S 1408, Identity Theft Protection Act, identity theft prevention and data security
- S 1461, Consumer Identity Protection Act, data security and breach notification
- S 1789, Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, data security and breach notification
- S 2169, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005, data security and breach notification

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15. General issue area code GAM - Gaming/Gambling/Casino (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005, prohibition on acceptance of payment instruments for unlawful internet gambling transactions  
S.Amdt.1718, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005, prohibition of acceptance of payment instruments for unlawful internet gambling transactions

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

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15. General issue area code INS - Insurance (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4314, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005, TRIA program extension  
HR 3639, Life Insurance Fairness for Travelers Act of 2005, underwriting reflecting foreign travel  
S 467, Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005, TRIA program extension  
SMART Act, regulatory reform of the insurance industry  
Optional federal insurance charter draft legislation, regulatory reform of the insurance industry

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

Department of Treasury  
House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Denise Ferguson	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

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15. General issue area code PHA - Pharmacy (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1808, Safe Online Drug Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet  
HR 328, Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet  
HR 840, Ryan Haight Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	
Robert Thomson, III	

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area** PHA

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- S 109, Pharmaceutical Market Access Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet
- S 184, Safe Importation of Medical Products and Other Rx Therapies Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet
- S 334, Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet
- S 399, Internet Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2005, use of payment instruments to purchase prescription drugs on the internet

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area RET**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

- S 1953, The National Employee Savings & Trust Equity Guarantee Act of 2005, funding rules for single empl hybrid pension plans
- S 1763, Defined Benefit Security Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 440, Bipartisan Retirement Security Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 819, Retirement Security for Life Act of 2005, annuitization incentives
- HR 3912, Flexible Retirement Security for Life Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1150, Relating to long-term care, entire bill
- HR 1161, Employer Retirement Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1162, Retirement Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1163, Lifetime Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1508, 401(k) Automatic Enrollment Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1960, Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 1961, Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 2251, COLI Best Practices Act of 2005, entire bill
- HR 2682, Long-term Care & Retirement Security Act of 2005, relating to long-term care insurance and use of cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements
- HR 2951, Lifetime PAY Account Act, entire bill
- S 1244, Long-term Care & Retirement Security Act of 2005, relating to long-term care insurance and use of cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements
- S 1359, Retirement Savings & Security Act of 2005, defined contribution auto enrollment, expanded Savers Credit, FSA transfers, life annuitization tax incentives
- S 381, Retirement Security for Life Act of 2005, entire bill
- S 545, Lifetime Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- S 546, Retirement Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- S 547, Employer Retirement Savings Account Act of 2005, entire bill
- Administration's Defined Benefit Pension Funding reform proposals
- Implementing regulations for Section 409(a) governing non qualified deferred compensation
- Proposed regulations on use of electronic media to provide employee benefit notices

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area TEC**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

S 687, Software Principles Yielding Better Levels of Consumer Knowledge Act of 2005, regulating the unauthorized installation of computer software.

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15. General issue area code TOU - Travel/Tourism (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 89, Airline Consumer Protection Act of 2005, require air carriers to honor tickets for bankrupt air service  
Public Law 107-71, Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001, implementation of passenger screening system  
HR 3058, Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and Independent agencies approps bill, require air carriers to honor all tickets for bankrupt air service

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

Department of Homeland Security  
House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne Christenson	
Antonella Pianalto	

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

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15. General issue area code TAX - Taxation/Internal Revenue Code (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005, regulation of state taxation of interstate commerce  
H Con Res 95, 2006 Budget Resolution, tax title, ERISA funding reforms  
HR 1417, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income, permanent extension of financing provisions  
HR 1624, Estate Tax Repeal for Family-Owned Farms and Business Act of 2005, entire bill

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

Department of Treasury  
House of Representatives  
Senate  
Social Security Administration

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

	Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Arne	Christenson	
Denise	Ferguson	
Lilyanne	McClellan	
Antonella	Pianalto	

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

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**ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area TAX**

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

HR 2121, Generate Retirement Ownership Through Long-Term Holding Act of 2005, deferral of capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies  
 HR 2251, COLI Best Practices Act of 2005, entire bill  
 HR 3, Transportation Equity Act, transit pass increase, deductibility of settlement agreements, economic substance, CEO signature of corporate tax returns, contingent convertible debt  
 HR 3019, a bill relating to the consolidation of life insurance companies with other affiliated companies, entire bill  
 HR 3376, Tax Technical Correction Act of 2005, definition of child, IRA provisions  
 HR 3768, Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005, entire bill  
 HR 4927, Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005, entire bill  
 HR 6, Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005, preventing reinstatement of corporate superfund tax  
 HR 8, Death Tax Permanency Act of 2005, entire bill  
 HR 809, Relating to permanency for capital gains and dividends tax rates, entire bill  
 S 10, Energy Tax Policy Incentives act of 2005, preventing reinstatement of corporate environmental revenue raisers  
 S 1159, to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income, permanent extension of financing provisions  
 S 1293, a bill relating to the consolidation of life insurance companies with other affiliated companies, entire bill  
 S 1696, Katrina tax relief, entire bill  
 S 2020, Tax Relief Act of 2005, entire bill  
 S 219, COLI Best Practices Act of 2005, entire bill  
 S 420, Death Tax Permanency Act of 2005, entire bill  
 S 7, Relating to permanency for capital gains and dividends tax rates, entire bill  
 S 787, Relating to an exclusion from income for parking and transportation fringe benefits, entire bill  
 S 928, Estate Tax Repeal for Family Owned Farms and Businesses Act of 2005, entire bill  
 S 993, Relating to investor-owned life insurance, entire bill  
 Joint Committee on Taxation proposal on corporate holding of tax-exempt bonds  
 Treasury emergency regulations for Hurricane Katrina victims  
 Social Security Administration Consent Based Social Security Number Verification Process

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 1227, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005, entire bill  
S 1262, Health TEQ Act of 2005, entire bill  
S 306, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005, entire bill  
S 309, Relating to carryover of unused funds in a flexible spending account, entire bill

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

Department of Health & Human Services  
Department of Treasury  
House of Representatives  
Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Denise Ferguson	
Antonella Pianalto	

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

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Registrant Name American Express CO Client Name American Express CO

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

20. Client new address

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

City State/Zip

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

Denise Ferguson

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issues that **no longer** pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal place of Business (city and state or country)

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	Owner percen client

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

Signature Robert B. Thomson III Date 2/13/06  
Printed Name and Title Robert B. Thomson, III, Vice President

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