

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): 520,000.00

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: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged support for legislation in the Senate to insure the successful implementation of Digital Television Transition (DTV). DTV legislation should include a strong multicasting provision which would allow local stations to split their digital signals in order to provide multiple streams of programming. This additional programming will expand the concept of localism and allow local stations to provide news, weather, sports, and community programming for the benefit of the public. It would allow neighboring businesses to collaborate with local stations to build programming and in so doing, lower advertising costs to small businesses. Multicasting will create high-skilled jobs for broadcast engineers and technicians in the broadcasting industry. (Ltr. 10-12-05). Bill Reference H Con. Res. 95, FY 2006 Congressional Budget Resolution

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: SHULER, LIZ
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: WRIGHT, SHERILYN
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: ENG (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported final passage of H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005-Conference Report, after provisions were included to protect the interests of consumers and investors by granting FERC several additional safeguard authorities. The bill provides support for maintaining a viable, safe nuclear power industry, for the production of new nuclear facilities, and for reauthorization of the Price-Anderson Act. Personnel and training measures are included to address the serious shortage of skilled workers in the energy industry. Consumer protections are incorporated that ban market manipulation and require market transparency. Ltr. 7/28/05

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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

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Name: WRIGHT, SHERILYN

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW continues to oppose NSPS, the Bush Administration's attempt to re-write personnel rules for Department of Defense (DoD) workers. DoD was granted authority to overhaul its personnel system by the National Defense Authorization Act of 2004 (PL 108-375). Unfortunately, DoD exceeded its congressional authorization by assaulting the civil service and collective bargaining rights of its employees. This affects IBEW members employed at numerous DoD facilities such as Army, Navy and Air Force Bases, as well as naval shipyards, Army Corps of Engineer power plants, navigation locks and dams. IBEW members employed by DoD are threatened with the loss of wages, seniority, and working conditions. Reference: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) President Bush signed into law (HR 4200), Public Law 108-375 in 2004. The IBEW opposed the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Her decisions and public comments have shown hostility to worker's rights, the disabled and the victims of discrimination. IBEW opposed this nomination. SEC Nomination: The IBEW supports restoring public and investor confidence in the markets and regulatory system, but opposed the nomination of Representative Christopher Cox (R-48th -CA) to be SEC Chairman. Representative Cox's past positions on issues of corporate accountability, investor protection and executive compensation are fundamentally opposed to the interest of investors and was judged to be ill suited for the job.

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Defense, Dept of (DOD)
SENATE

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

IBEW urged support of reforms to the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) program after the devastation along the Gulf Coast that should include the following: The federal government, not the states, should pay for DUA; extend the weeks of DUA benefits; increase weekly DUA benefit rate, include the coverage of "secondary workers" unemployed as a result of the disaster; and USDOL should be provided with the authority to suspend regulations that impose several additional barriers to DUA. [Ltr. 9/8/05] HR 3761, Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act IBEW objected to a Proclamation by the President: To Suspend Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code, within a Limited Geographic Area in Response to the National Emergency Caused by Hurricane Katrina. This proclamation would suspend Davis-Bacon wage protections for construction workers employed on Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. The Davis-Bacon Act requires that construction contractors bidding on U.S. federal construction projects exceeding \$2,000 pay their employees the local wage and benefits (prevailing wage) that workers in the geographic area performing similar work are earning. Suspension of Davis-Bacon in the affected areas will reduce the wages of all construction workers employed on any job in the counties listed as disaster areas, regardless of union affiliation. [09-15-05] The IBEW supported a Senate amendment to increase the minimum wage to \$5.70 six months after the enactment of the Transportation-Treasury-HUD Appropriations spending bill (H.R. 3058), and an increase to \$6.25 one year after enactment.

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Executive Office of the President
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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15. General issue area code: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

IBEW urges rejection of any proposal that would attempt to cut Social Security benefits or otherwise hurt workers in risky privatized Social Security finance accounts, or raise the retirement age, which already is scheduled to increase to 67. The IBEW position is that forcing workers to stay on the job even longer to collect the benefits they have spent years paying for would be cruel and unnecessary. It is also inconceivable that workers in physically demanding jobs, as is the case with a large number of IBEW members, would be forced to work longer by increasing the retirement age. Chairman William Thomas was expected to include Social Security privatization in the Pension Protection Act of 2005 (H.R. 2830), but did not. Thus, it appears that the Social Security issue is dead for now. The general political climate has thwarted any desire to implement the president's scheme. The IBEW took no position on H.R. 2830, the "Pension Protection Act of 2005," or S. 1783, the "Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005" understanding that the ultimate effect of the proposed bills would encourage employers to cease offering their employees a defined benefit pension. Rather, the IBEW lobbied to urge the inclusion of two separate provisions to the bill. The first was for multi-employer pension plan reform as proposed by the Multi-Employer Pension Plan Coalition, a group of employers and unions involved in the construction, trucking, and food service industries. The second was for a two-part change to Section 420 of the Internal Revenue Code as outlined in S. 1573 the "Retiree Health Benefits Act of 2005." The language of S. 1573 is included in S. 1783. The language proposes two changes to Section 420 of the Internal Revenue Code to ensure that retirees, such as those at Lucent Technologies (an IBEW/Communication Workers of America (CWA) employer), will continue to receive retiree health care benefits. First, the bill would permit substituting the statutorily mandated maintenance-of-cost requirement with the retiree health care benefits as negotiated under the collective bargaining agreement between IBEW/CWA and Lucent Technologies. Second, the proposed legislation would permit Lucent to pre-fund a retiree health care trust by providing an exception from the current-law restriction that allows a transfer to fund retiree health care costs for only the current year. Enactment of this legislation is vital to the retirement security of approximately 117,000 retirees and their dependents. Changes to Section 420 is a collaborative labor/management effort. [Ltr. 9/29/05]

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supports full funding for Amtrak to insure the future of Amtrak America's passenger railroad, and also supports a significant funding increase to reauthorize Amtrak through 2011. The IBEW also supports continuation of Title 13 -C of the Federal Railway Act. The IBEW was able to beat back an attempt to shorten the Title 13-C proactive period from six years to four years. HR 3058, FY 2006 Transportation-Treasury-Housing Appropriations.

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IBEW opposed H.R. 3045, a bill that would implement the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), a bad trade deal between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua and a separate pact with the Dominican Republic. DR-CAFTA does not include protections for workers' rights to form a union or to enjoy safe working conditions on the job, nor does it include adequate enforcement mechanisms for violations of internationally recognized labor and environmental standards. What DR-CAFTA does is outsource jobs and weaken our economic base. [Ltr. 7/21/05]

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Jan 04, 2006

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