

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

AMERICAN BENEFITS COUNCIL

2. Address:

1212 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W. SUITE 1250, WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3987

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

Country: City: State/Zip(or Country):

4. Contact Name: RALPH P. KASS

Telephone: 202-289-6700

E-mail (optional): rkass@abcstaff.org

Senate ID #: 4675-12

House ID #: 31242000

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 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): 200,000.00

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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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: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

American Benefits Council January 1-June 30, 2006 Health Care Legislative/Lobbying Activities Legislative: American Benefits Council January 1-June 30, 2006 Health Care Legislative/Lobbying Activities Legislative: S. 4 Healthy America Act of 2005 S. 16 Affordable Health Care Act S. 288 State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005 S. 306 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005 S. 309 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements. S. 334 Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2005 S. 354 Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare Act of 2005 or the 'HEALTH Act of 2005' S. 406 Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005 S. 544 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 S. 577 HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act S. 772 Workforce Health Improvement Program Act of 2005 S. 978 Healthcare Tax Relief for the Uninsured Act of 2005 S. 1015 Health Care Choice Act of 2005 S. 1244 Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2005 S. 1356 Medicare Value Purchasing Act of 2005 S. 1418 Wired for Health Care Quality Act S. 1447 Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2005 S. 1932 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 S. 3585 HSA Improvement and Expansion Act of 2006 HR 5 Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005 HR 525 Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005 HR 700 Pharmaceutical Market Access and Drug Safety Act of 2005 HR 1227 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005 HR 1402 Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2005 HR 1634 Workforce Health Improvement Program Act of 2005 HR 1872 Health Coverage for the Uninsured Act of 2005 HR 1998 To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused benefits in health flexible spending arrangements. HR 2234 21st Century Health Information Act of 2005 HR 2355 Health Care Choice Act of 2005 HR 2682 Long-Term Care and Retirement Security Act of 2005 HR 2793 HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act HR 2830 Pension Protection Act of 2005 HR 3204 State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005 HR 3205 Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 HR 3376 Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2005 HR 4157 Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2006 HR 4241 Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 HR 4262 Tax-Free Health Savings Act of 2006 HR 4511 Health Flex Act HR 5586 HSA Premium Affordability Act of 2006 HR 5743 HSA Improvement and Expansion Act of 2006

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

United States Senate United States House of Representatives
United States Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration
The White House Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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

Name: DENNETT, PAUL

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: KLEIN, JAMES

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: WILBER, KATHRYN

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

See attached next page Retirement Lobbying Activity January 1 June 30, 2006 Legislative 1. Highway Reauthorization and Excise Tax Simplification Act (H.R. 3) 2. Individual Social Security Investment Program Act (H.R. 530) 3. Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 685) 4. Retirement Security for Life Act (H.R. 819) 5. Employee Pension Preservation Act (H.R. 861) 6. Employee Benefits Protection Act (H.R. 1058) 7. Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities Act (H.R. 1499) 8. 401(k) Automatic Enrollment Act (H.R. 1508) 9. Social Security Personal Savings Guarantee and Prosperity Act (H.R. 1776) 10. Individual and Workplace Retirement Savings Promotion Act (H.R. 1960) 11. Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act (H.R. 1961) 12. Pension Fairness and Full Disclosure Act (H.R. 2233) 13. Pension Security Disclosure Act (H.R. 2321) 14. Six-month Moratorium Bill (H.R. 2327) 15. The Pension Protection Act (H.R. 2830) 16. The Pension Preservation and Portability Act (H.R. 2831) 17. Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriations bill for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education (H.R. 3010) 18. Growing Real Ownership for Workers (H.R. 3304) 19. Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2005 (H.R. 3376) 20. Deficit Reduction Act (H.R. 4241) 21. Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4297) 22. Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006 23. National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act (S. 219) 24. Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (S. 256) 25. Retirement Security for Life Act (S. 381) 26. Social Security Personal Savings Guarantee and Prosperity Act (S. 540) 27. Saving Social Security Act (S. 540) 28. Lifetime Savings Account Act (S. 545) 29. Retirement Savings Account Act (S. 546) 30. Employee Retirement Savings Account Act (S. 547) 31. Save More for Retirement Act (S. 875) 32. Pension Fairness and Full Disclosure Act (S. 991) 33. Stop the Raid on Social Security Act (S. 1302) 34. Pension Benefits Protection Act (S. 1304) 35. Retirement Savings and Security Act (S. 1359) 36. Tax Technical Corrections Act of 2005 (S. 1447) 37. Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act (S. 1932) 38. The Gulf Opportunity Zone Act (H.R. 4440) 39. Pension Security and Transparency Act (S. 1783) 40. Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4297/S. 2020) 41. Defined Benefit Security Act 42. Pension Benefits Protection Act (H.R. 4052/S. 1304) 43. Older Worker Opportunity Act (S. 1826) 44. Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act 45. Amerisave

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
United States Senate United States House of Representatives
United States Department of Labor United States Treasury
The White House Employee Benefits Security Administration
United States Securities and Exchange Commission
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

Name: DUDLEY, LYNN
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: JACOBSON, JANET
Covered Official Position (if applicable):
Name: KLEIN, JAMES
Covered Official Position (if applicable):

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 10, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Ralph P. Kass -