

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSN

2. Address:

607 14TH STREET, NW SUITE 400, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

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

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

4. Contact Name: EDWARD A. MERLIS

Telephone: 202-326-7291

E-mail (optional): emerlis@ustelecom.org

Senate ID #: 38847-12

House ID #: 30703000

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): 15,280,000.00

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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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:

H.R. 5384, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2007 H.R. 5427, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2007 H.R. 5672, Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007

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

United States House of Representatives

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Name: DEERE, BILL

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: DELIA, ANDY

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: HEINER, BRANDON

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: HIGHFILL, CLINTON

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MCCORMICK, WALTER B.

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: MERLIS, EDWARD A.

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: VERSAGGI, SARAH

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: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 H.R. 809, To make permanent the individual income tax rates for capital gains and dividends H.R. 1685, Internet Consumer Protection Act of 2005 H.R. 1736, Investment in America Act of 2005 H.R.1898, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2005 H.R. 4297, Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005 S. 420, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 S. 627, Investment in America Act of 2005 S. 849, Internet Tax nondiscrimination Act S. 1321, Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2005 S. 1524, To repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gain rates. S. 2020, Tax Relief Act of 2005 S. 2152, Sales Tax Fairness and Simplification Act S. 2821, Withholding Tax Relief Act of 2006

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Name: GRAVES HURLEY, CAROLINE

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Name: HEINER, BRANDON

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Updating Telecommunications Act of 1996 including legislation related to Universal Service, Government Owned Communication Networks competing with private sector networks; interconnection, E-911, VoIP and other broadband applications, content; Congressional oversight of the FCC's implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.H.R. 29, Spy Act H.R. 214, Advanced Internet Communications Services Act of 2005 H.R. 744, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005 H.R. 2418, IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2005 H.R. 2533, To amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act. H.R. 2726, Preserving Innovation in Telecom Act of 2005 H.R. 3146, Video Choice Act of 2005 H.R. 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005 H.R. 4127, Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA) H.R. 4709, Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006 H.R. 4943, Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act H.R. 5072, To reform the universal service provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes H.R. 5252, Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006 S. 241, To amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act. S. 284, Rural Universal Service Equity Act of 2005 S. 687, SPY BLOCK Act S. 1004, Enhanced Consumer Protection Against Spyware Act of 2005 S. 1063, IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2005 S. 1294, Community Broadband Act of 2005 S. 1326, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act S. 1349, Video Choice Act of 2005 S. 1504, Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act S. 1583, Universal Service for the 21st Century Act S. 2113, Digital Age Communications Act of 2005 S. 2178, Consumer Telephone Records Protection Act of 2006 S. 2256, the Universal Service Accountability and Stabilization Act S. 2360, the Internet Non-Discrimination Act S. 2389, Protecting Consumer Phone Records Act S. 2686, Communications, Consumers' Choice and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 S. 2917, the Internet Freedom and Preservation Act

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 14, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Edward A. Merlis - SVP, Government and Regulatory -