

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

THE SMITH-FREE GROUP

2. Address:

1401 K STREET, NW SUITE 1200, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

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

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

4. Contact Name: ROBINA SPRUILL

Telephone: 202/393-4760

E-mail (optional): rlynch@smithfree.com

Senate ID #: 35800-125

House ID #: 30770004

7. Client Name: Self

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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): 80,000.00

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): _____

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: FIN (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Issues relating to optional federal charter for insurance companies. HR 3505 Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005 S. 2856 Financial Services Regulatory Act of 2006 S. 2509 National Insurance Act of 2006

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

House of Representatives

Senate

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

Name: DEUSER, JON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, SENATOR BUNNING

Name: DUMONT, SARAH

Covered Official Position (if applicable):

Name: SMITH, JAMES E.

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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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: RET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

HR 2830 / S. 1783 Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005

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

House
Senate

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

Name: DEUSER, JON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF, SENATOR BUNNING

Name: SMITH, JAMES E.

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 11, 2006

Printed Name and Title: Alicia W. Smith Sr. VP & Corp. Secretary -