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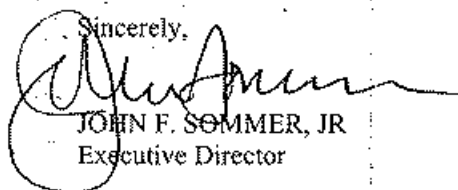
August 15, 2000

Mr. Gary Sisco
Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
232 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Sisco:

Attached herewith is the Lobbying Report for The American Legion (2775-12). This covers the first six months of 2000. If any additional information is needed please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,



JOHN F. SOMMER, JR.
Executive Director

Attachments



Clerk of the House of Representatives
Legislative Resource Center
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Washington, DC 20515

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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name The American Legion			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 700 North Pennsylvania Street City Indianapolis State/Zip (or Country) IN 46204			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20006			
4. Contact Name John F. Sommer, Jr.		Telephone (202) 861-2700	E-mail (optional) 5. Senate ID # 2775-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self		6. House ID # 30773000	

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☒ OR Year End (July 1-December 31) ☐

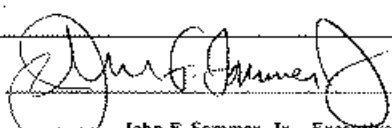
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11. No Lobbying Activity ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:
Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/>
\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)	\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ \$80,000.00 Expenses (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).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6011(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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15. General issue area code CON (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. Res. 33/ S.J. Res. 14, Flag Protection Amendment, Proposal for a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.

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


☐ Check if None

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Brune, Louis		No
Jefferson, John		No
Robertson, Steve		No
Spanogle, Robert W.		No
Wheeler, Daniel		No

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

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15. General issue area code DEF (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4205, FY 2001 Defense Trading Authorization, Defense funding quality of life issues.

H.R. 4205/S2549, FY 2001 Department of Defense Authorization Measure., Military pay raise, quality of life issues, authorizing higher dollar amounts for defense procurement.

H.R. 4475, FY 2001 DoT and related appropriations., Coast Guard funding.

H.R. 4576, FY 2001 Defense Appropriations, Defense funding quality of life issues.

H.R. 4635, FY 2001 VA, HUD Independent Agency appropriations., Selective Service funding.

H.R.4576/S2593, FY 2001 DoD Appropriations Measure., Funding for all defense programs including quality of life housing, pay raises, procurement of weapons and weapon systems.

Missing Servicepersons

Selective Service System

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

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Department of Defense

House of Representatives

Senate

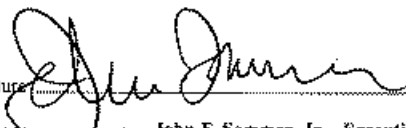
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Brune, Louis		No
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Schlee, G. Michael		No
Sommer, Jr., John F.		No

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15. General issue area code EDU (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 1071/ H.R. 1182, Legislation to expand and improve the initial cap Montgomery GI Bill program, educational assistance to former service-members

H.R. 4268 / S1402, Veterans and Dependents Millenium Educatin Act, Increase in GI Bill benefits.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted
Department of Veterans Affairs
House of Representatives

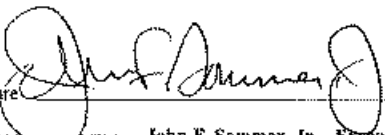
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Jefferson, John		No
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15. General issue area code FOR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.2084/S.1143, (P.L. 106-69) FY 2000 DoT appropriations, supporting USCG, "Disapprove waiver of Jackson-Vanik amendment to 1974 Trade Act with respect to Vietnam
H.R.2134, H.R.2606 & H.R.3196, Foreign Operations appropriations.
H.R.4569/S.2334, (P.L. 105-277) Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1999, support US foreign aid for FY '99 re: military and economic assistance to selected foreign nations

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

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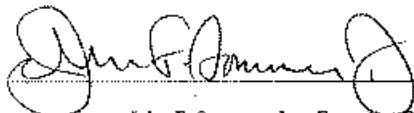
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Schlee, G. Michael		No
Sommer, Jr., John F.		No

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15. General issue area code HOU (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4635, FY 2001 Appropriations for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs., Funding for VA Home Loan Guaranty program.
S 714, Permanent Extension of Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program,

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

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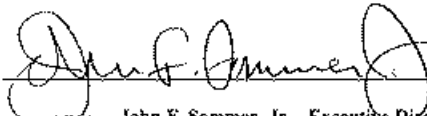
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15. General issue area code IMM (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.3421,H.R.3194, (P.L.106-113) FY 2000 appropriations Bill, funds activities of Immigration & Naturalization Services

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

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House of Representatives

Senate

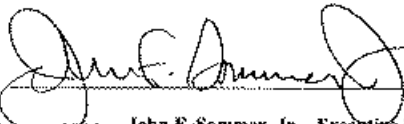
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15. General issue area code LAW (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.2084/S.1143, (P.L. 106-69) FY 2000 DoT Appropriations , support funding for the US Coast Guard
H.R.2670/S.1217, FY 2000 appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary funding Office of Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention and Immigration & Naturalization Service.,
H.R.3421, H.R.3194, FY 2000 appropriations bill, funds activities of Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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

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Department of Justice
House of Representatives
Senate

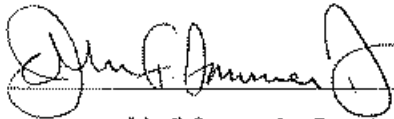
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15. General issue area code LBR (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 3037/S.1650, DoL appropriations, support Veterans Employment programs
H.R. 4577, FY 2001 Appropriations for Dept. of Labor, Funding for veterans employment and training.
H.R.2116, (P.L.106-117) Bill to enhance programs providing health care, education, memorial and other benefits to veterans, one provision would increase funding for the DoL to benefit homeless veterans and help them find jobs
H.R.240/S.1021, (P.L. 105-339) Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998, amendment Title 5, USC, to ensure veteran's preference consideration
H.R.3424, H.R.3194, (P.L. 106-113) FY 2000 Appropriations Bill, funds operations of the Department of Labor, including The Veterans Employment and Training Service.
H.R.4765, 21st Century Veteran's Employment and Training Act., improve employment and training to veterans and disabled veterans by requiring the use of measurable performance outcomes in an era of electronic based self services and one stop career advice centers.

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

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Department of Labor
House of Representatives
Senate

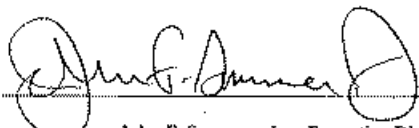
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Robertson, Steve		No

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Item	Description	Data
16	Lobbying Issues	Educational Benefits - Veteran's employment and training service, delivery and budget for agency, outreach to veterans by Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

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15. General issue area code SMB (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.1568, (P.L.106-50) National Veterans Business Development Corporation, to provide technical, financial and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses

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

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House of Representatives

Senate

Small Business Administration

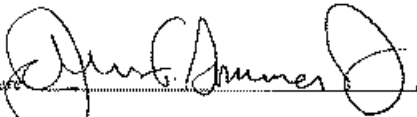
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15. General issue area code TRA (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R.2034/S.1143, (P.L.106-69) FY 2000 DoT Appropriations funding for the US Coast Guard.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted
Department of Transportation
House of Representatives
Senate

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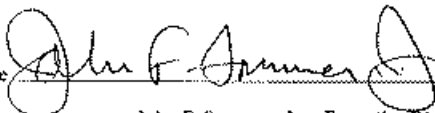
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<u>Robertson, Steve</u>		<u>No</u>
<u>Schlee, G. Michael</u>		<u>No</u>

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15. General issue area code TRD (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 4444, China Trade (PNTR), Oppose PNTR of communist China.

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

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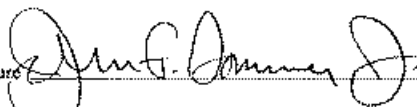
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15. General issue area code VET (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

H.R. 1694/ S.191/ S.1391, To amend Title 38, USC, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of WWII

H.R. 3256, Veterans Right to Know Act, Outreach by VA to veterans.

H.R. 4131, Veteran's Compensation COLA Act of 2000, Increase the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities and DIC for survivors of disabled veterans.

H.R.1020, Vets Hepatitis C Benefits Act of 1999, To establish a presumption of service connection for occurrence of hepatitis C in certain veterans.

H.R.2116/S.1076, Veterans Millennium Health Care Act, designed to overhaul long-term veterans health care and change current eligibility requirements for VA Health Care

H.R.2280/ S.1393, (P.L.106-18) Expansion of various veterans benefits, cost of living adjustment for veterans with service connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service connected disabled veteran

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

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Department of Labor Vets

Department of Veterans Affairs

House of Representatives

Senate

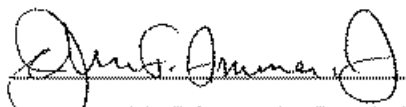
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Brune, Louis		No
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Jefferson, John		No
Robertson, Steve		No
Schlee, G. Michael		No
Sommer, Jr., John F.		No
Williams, Carroll		No

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16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.2684/S.1596, (P.L.106-74) FY 2000 appropriations funding, VA, HUD and Independent Agencies
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.3037/ S.1650, FY 2000 appropriations, funding DoL
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.3193/ H.R. 4864, Duty to Assist Legislation Act of 1999, Mandates VA to assist Veterans/claimants with development of benefit claims.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.3816, Provide service connection for members of the Ready Reserves, To provide that a stroke or heart attack incurred or aggravated by a member of a reserve component while in the performance of inactive duty training be service connected.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.3998, Veteran's Special Monthly Compensation Gender Equity Act, Amend Title 38 to provide a rate of compensation for the service-connected loss of one or both breasts due to radical mastectomy.
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.44/S.789/S.1059, (P.L.106-65) Legislation to authorize special compensation, for veterans with 20 years of service & a disability rating between 70-100% (legislation eventually included in FY 2000 DoD authorization)
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.70/S.1076, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, redefine eligibility standards for burials in Arlington National Cemetery
16	Lobbying Issues	H.R.71, Legislation to correct P.L. 105-178, law contained provisions which denied service connected disability benefits to veterans with tobacco-related illnesses associated with military service
16	Lobbying Issues	GI Bill of Health, The American Legion's proposal to strengthen the VA health care system; to make it more viable; to open it to more clients and make it more fiscally self-sufficient. VA Health Care Reform Persian Gulf War Veterans Issues Department of Veterans Affairs Funding - FY 2000 and FY 2001 Improve VA Claims Processing Enhance VA services for Women Veterans