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1. Registrant Name American Benefits Council (formerly the Association of Private Pension & Welfare)			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1212 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 1250			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20005-3987			
4. Contact Name	Telephone	E-mail (optional)	5. Senate ID #
James A. Klein	202-289-6700	jklein@abcstaff.org	4675
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self			6. House ID #

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 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

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> → \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> → \$ <u>\$160,000.00</u> Expenses (nearest \$)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature _____

James A. Klein

Printed Name and Title _____

James A. Klein, President

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

See attached

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None
United States Senate
United States House of Representatives
United States Department of Labor
Pension Welfare Benefits Administration
The White House
Health Care Financing Administration/ CMS

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
James A. Klein	
Paul W. Dennett	
Maria M. Ghazal	

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

Signature James A. Klein James A. Klein Date 12 Aug 03 August
Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

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

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- United States House of Representatives
- United States Department of Labor
- United States Treasury
- The White House
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
James A. Klein	
Lynn D. Dudley	
John C. Scott	

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Signature James A. Klein Date 12 Aug 03
Printed Name and Title James A. Klein, President

American Benefits Council

January 1 June 30, 2003

Retirement Legislative/Lobbying Activities

LegislativeHouse

H.R. 2, the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act
 H.R. 286, no title
 H.R. 518, the Retirement Account Portability Improvement Act
 H.R. 626, the Ending the Double Standard on Stock Options Act
 H.R. 975, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act
 H.R. 1000, the Pension Security Act
 H.R. 1372, the Broad-Based Stock Option Plan Transparency Act
 H.R. 1397, the Employee Benefits Protection Act
 H.R. 1677, the Pension Benefits Protection Act
 H.R. 1776, the Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act
 H.R. 2101, the Pension Fairness Act
 H.R. 2127, the Taxpayer Savings and Employee Notification Act

Senate

S. 2, the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Tax Act
 S. 9, the Pension Protection and Expansion Act
 S. 182, the Ending the Double Standard on Stock Options Act
 S. 206, no title
 S. 228, the Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act
 S. 629, the Catch-Up Lost Retirement Savings Act
 S. 825, the Pension Benefits Protection Act
 S. 979, the Broad-Based Stock Option Plan Transparency Act
 S. 1054, the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act

Regulatory

DOL Field Assistance Bulletin on Plan Expenses
 DOL Field Assistance Bulletin on Plan Loans
 DOL Final Regulations on Blackout Period Notices
 DOL Request for Information on Automatic Rollovers
 EEOC Guidance on Retiree Health Benefits
 IRS Notice on Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System
 IRS Revenue Procedure on Waiver of 60-Day Rollover Rule
 IRS/Treasury Anticipated Guidance on Cash Balance Plan Whipsaw Issue
 IRS/Treasury Guidance on Non-Discrimination Rules for Cash Balance Plans
 IRS/Treasury Notice on Benefits Treated as Early Retirement Benefits and Retirement-Type Subsidies
 IRS/Treasury Final Regulations on Notice of Reduction in Future Benefit Accruals
 IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Age Discrimination in Retirement Plans
 IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Catch-Up Contributions
 IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Deemed IRAs
 IRS/Treasury Proposed Regulations on Incentive Stock Options
 IRS/Treasury Project on Determination Letter Process
 IRS/Treasury Project on Pension Interest Rate Replacement
 SEC Final Regulations on Insider Trading Prohibition During Blackout Periods

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Health Care Legislative/Lobbying Activities

Legislative:

S. 1	Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003
S. 10	Health Care Coverage Expansion and Quality Improvement Act
S. 11	Patients First Act of 2003
S. 486	Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act
S. 607	HEALTH Act of 2003
S. 720	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
S. 1053	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003
H.R. 1	Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003
H.R. 5	Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003
H.R. 596	ERISA Clarification Act of 2003
H.R. 597	Patient Protection Act
H.R. 660	Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003
H.R. 663	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act
H.R. 877	Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2003
H.R. 953	Senator Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act
H.R. 1177	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional choice regarding unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.
H.R. 1322	Emergency Retiree Health Benefits Protection Act of 2003
H.R. 1776	Pension Preservation and Savings Expansion Act of 2003
H.R. 1562	Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003
H.R. 1893	Teacher Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Act of 2003
H.R. 2351	Health Savings Account Availability Act
H.R. 2596	Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2003

Regulatory:

- Department of Health and Human Services Final Regulations on Confidentiality of Health Information
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Clarification of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) to Employer-Sponsored Health Care Benefits for Retirees
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Debt Collection Process
- Department of Labor (DOL) Proposed Clarifications for COBRA Notice Rules

