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LOBBYING REPORT

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

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| 1. Registrant Name International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers | | | |
| 2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1125 15th Street, N.W. | | | |
| 3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington DC State/Zip (or Country) 20005 | | | |
| 4. Contact Name Rick Diegel | Telephone 202/728-6041 | E-mail (optional) IBEWPoliticalDept@ibew.org | 5. Senate ID # 19822-12 |
| 7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self | 6. House ID # 31118000 | | |

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 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 | |
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| <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"/> ⇒ \$ _____ <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></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>200,000</u> <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> |

Signature *Rick Diegel*

Printed Name and Title **RICK DIEGEL, DIRECTOR - POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) strongly urged Congress to cosponsor (S. 922/H.R. 1621), "The 'Made in USA' Label Defense Act of 1999."

This legislation, sponsored by Senators Fritz Hoffings (D-SC) and Spencer Abraham (R-MI), would close loopholes in U.S. law that are allowing sweatshops operated by the People's Republic of China and others in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan) to abuse worker rights, deceive U.S. consumers and cheat U.S. taxpayers out of hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

In Saipan (a U.S. territory), Chinese-controlled sweatshops use a loophole in U.S. law to place a "Made in USA" label on garments made by abused Chinese workers using all Chinese materials. These deceptively labeled products - produced in sweatshop factories where basic human rights are routinely ignored - are then sold here to unsuspecting American consumers, where they compete with real "Made in USA" products.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

U.S. House of Representatives
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16. Specific lobbying issues

The IBEW requested that during the Committee mark-up of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2003, that the Appropriations Committee delete the proposed provisions that will impose a pay cap on the wage increases of federal prevailing rate (blue-collar) employees. The size of the federal blue-collar work force has been reduced by one-half in recent years. The remaining employees deserve no less than to receive their pay increases in full, in accordance with the pay setting law.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urged support to provide funds requesting a minimum of \$50 million for the Maritime Administration's Title XI Ship Loan Guarantee Program be included in the budget for FY 2001.

Due to the restored funding for the Title XI Ship Loan Guarantee Program account, commercial ships are now being built in the United States, and thousands of American workers are employed. Title XI funding was the impetus for the two large cruise ships that Hawaii Classic Voyages has scheduled for construction at Ingalls Shipbuilding. These are the first cruise ships to be built in the United States in over 40 years.

The Maritime Administration has many pending applications, unfortunately the Title XI fund has been depleted. Even a small amount, such as \$50 million, will leverage about \$2 billion in ship construction. The urge you to ensure the Maritime Administration's Title XI account be funded to preserve our nation's shipbuilding industrial base and its work force. (Ltr. 8/3/99)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Internal Revenue Code Section 415 puts unfair limits on our multi-employer pension plan recipients. Since many IBEW members begin construction work at a young age, and the work is extremely physical, they may need to retire after 30 years in the trade and could only be 50 years old. Their retirement may be earlier than most, but they should not be penalized by capping their benefits.

SUPPORT: H.R. 1287 introduced by Representative Jerry Weller (R-IL). S. 741 introduced by Senators Bob Graham (D-FL) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA), similar to H.R. 1102, but gives less relief for early retirement benefits. The IBEW will also be watching for attempts to roll this "415 fix" into a larger pension bill. The IBEW urged Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor and support the aforementioned bills.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The IBEW opposed S. 1510, the U.S. Cruise Ship Tourism Development Act which would gut the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PSA) by allowing foreign-built and owned cruise ships to operate in the U.S. domestic trade. This would jeopardize thousands of shipbuilding manufacturing jobs and the multi-billion dollar market potential for construction of cruise ships in the U.S. (Ltr. 10/3/99)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Senator Nickles was to offer an amendment to S. 1593 (the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform bill), intended to severely limit union participation in the political process. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) strongly opposes the amendment. The Nickles amendment would require a union to get written permission from every represented worker before the union could spend dues money on political activities of any kind. Unions must be active in representing their members in the political process, because actions taken by Congress can have as much impact on union members as decisions made in collective bargaining. Collecting signed authorizations is a costly and burdensome task, and diverts resources from the services our members deserve in the negotiations with their employers. This amendment infringes upon our union's free association rights by severely impeding unions from participating in the political process. (Ltr. 10/14/99).

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) objected to a proposal to begin shifting federal government paper purchases to chlorine-free paper. The Cluster Rule mandates the U.S. industry's shift to a chlorine dioxide process. Few mills are capable of producing "totally chlorine free" paper, therefore, the IBEW requested that no further steps be taken to undo the balance between environmental progress and plant investment achieved by the Cluster Rule in hopes of saving good U.S. jobs. (Ltr. 10/19/99)

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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) adamantly opposed the deceptive effort to severely cripple workers' rights to organize with a backdoor attempt to gut the effectiveness of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the Department of Labor's administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

H. R. 1987, the so-called "Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act," requires the NLRB and OSHA to pay the fees and expenses of "small" businesses and unions that prevail in administrative and judicial proceedings, regardless of whether the agency's position was substantially justified. Although proponents claim the bill is an aid to "small" businesses, and is even-handed in its benefits to business and labor, their definition of "small" would include nearly all U.S. employers. This bill is anything but "fair." (Ltr. 10/21/99)

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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urged the support of the Brown-Shimkus amendment to H.R. 2944, the Electricity Competition and Reliability Act. The IBEW supports worker and reliability protections, requesting that concepts addressing any comprehensive legislation designed to restructure the electricity industry be carefully considered.

The IBEW opposed the Markey-Largent amendments concerning market power. Empowering the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to order divestiture of utility assets would reduce competition and would not be in the best interests of consumers or workers. Existing FERC regulations and federal anti-trust statutes contain tested and proven safeguards for consumer interests. (Ltr. 10/26/99).

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On November 3, 1999, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed complaints and notices of violations against a number of electric utilities for changes they made to plants over the past several decades. The EPA contends these changes should have triggered the New Source Review rule. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urged the Administration not to block our attempts to gain a temporary solution with a veto threat, while the courts and EPA work on a long-range solution.

After a 30-day time period, following the notices of violation, an accusation can be made against plant operators, managers and the companies that they are knowingly violating the law through the continued operation of the plant. Because the action was filed against the plants for what utilities feel constitutes legal routine maintenance, similar routine maintenance in the future will also likely come under question and additional enforcement action. Utilities will have the option of foregoing such maintenance, which can jeopardize the safety of our workers, or shut the plants down, which will result in job losses and also threaten electric supply reliability. (Ltr. 11/17/99)

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16. Specific lobbying issues

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urged consideration and "yes" vote on the Byrd/McConnell mining amendment to the FY2000 Continuing Resolution. This amendment would protect thousands of American family-wage jobs throughout the country. (Ltr. 11/18/99)

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