

## LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

**INTL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

2. Address:

900 SEVENTH STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20001

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

4. Contact Name: RICK DIEGEL

Telephone: 202-728-6041

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Senate ID #: 19822-12

House ID #: 31118000

7. Client Name:  Self

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2004 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): 400,000.00

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW supported the Medicare Prescription Drug Savings and Choice Act of 2004 and urged signing of the Discharge Petition filed to move this legislation to the House Floor. The bill would require the federal government to use its purchasing power to negotiate real discounts on prescription medicine for seniors and people with disabilities. This bill would establish a Medicare plan in every part of the country so all seniors would have the choice to get their drugs from Medicare instead of HMOs or private insurance companies, and it would bring prescription drug costs under control. Bill Ref. H.R. 3767; S. 2714 Discharge Petition no. 9. [Ltr. 7/14/04]

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: BURTON, BRUCE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: DIEGEL, RICK

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SHULER, LIZ

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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: LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW urged support of Davis-Bacon wage rates for school construction when new funding mechanisms are used to "creatively finance" construction. In the past several years there has been a move away from traditional direct financing such as credit enhancements, tax credits, tax-exempt bonds and state infrastructure banks (SIBs). Davis-Bacon protections prevent contractors from competing based on cutting wages and benefits. Contractors on federal projects must pay their workers the wage rates prevailing in the community for each craft, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. Davis-Bacon wage rates are not union pay scale, they are rates based upon a broad Department of Labor wage survey taken in local areas. Bill Ref.: HR 1840-School Construction; HR 4252-School Construction; HR 599-School Infrastructure The IBEW supported an amendment to carve-out civil rights and wage & hour cases in the Class Action Fairness Act of 2004. It is important that civil rights & wage and hour class actions filed in state courts remain in state courts. State wage & hour laws provide more complete and timely remedies for victims of unscrupulous employers than the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). In the absence of a carve-out, many of these cases would be forced into federal court, where they will face delays and less favorable procedures. It is generally more difficult and time-consuming to certify a class action case in federal court than in state court and state civil rights laws often afford greater protection than federal law. Bill Reference I.S. 2062 (Ltr. 7/6/04) The IBEW supported the Employee Free Choice Act because unions give working people a voice on the job that brings them better pay and benefits, dignity and respect in the workplace. Employers routinely block workers from exercising their rights. This legislation would restore workers' freedom to form unions by ensuring that when a majority of workers decide to form a union they can do so, without intimidation, harassment and delaying tactics by the employer. It would provide for certification of a union if the NLRB finds that a majority of employees have signed cards ("card check") indicating their preference for representation. It also requires first contract mediation and arbitration if the employer and union aren't able to reach an agreement within 90 days and institutes strict penalties for employer violations while workers are attempting to organize or obtain a first contract. Bill Ref. H.R. 3619/S. 1925 The IBEW opposed the final regulations written by the Department of Labor (DOL) to change federal overtime pay rules that took effect on August 23. Eliminating overtime pay eligibility is a pay cut that hurts America's working families already harmed by widespread joblessness, stagnant or declining wages, increased health care and prescription drug costs. Overtime laws guaranteed that extra work will be rewarded with increased pay. These job protections were won after decades of struggles with passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in 1938. Bill Ref. H.R. 2600, amendment to the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2004 (to block the DOL from using funds to implement the new overtime rules). The IBEW supported a provision in H.R. 4200 that prevents the Department of Defense (DOD) from continuing long-term leasing of foreign-built ships for transporting supplies for our troops. DOD's leasing of foreign-built ships for up to ten years at a time allows our own shipbuilding industry to decline, leaving inexperienced workers to build the next generation of ships for the U.S. Navy if we allow shipbuilding to continue to be outsourced. Ref. Ronald W. Reagan Nat. Defense Authorization Act. The IBEW opposed expansion of the H-1B and H-2B Visa Programs. As American jobs are being outsourced, expanding this program would bring more foreign workers to take American jobs. Bill Ref. H.R. 2688, Amend Immigration and Nationality Act to Repeal Authorities Relating to H-1-B Visas for Temporary Workers. The IBEW supported an additional 13-week extension of unemployment benefits. Bill Ref. H.R. 1652, S. 1943, S. 1708, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act; H.R. 3244, Emergency Unemployment Compensation The IBEW supported raising the minimum wage. Future increases to the minimum wage should be indexed to inflation, as is Social Security. The \$5.15 minimum wage in effect today needs this fix to keep up with the ever-increasing prices needed to support working families. Bill Ref. H.R. 5043, Minimum Wage Indexation; H.R. 4256/S. 2370, Fair Minimum Wage Act.

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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed any and all attempts to privatize Social Security by draining dollars into individual retirement accounts. Social Security benefits are guaranteed for life and increase with the cost of living, unlike private accounts that rise and fall with the stock market. Individual retirement accounts would require taxes to be raised and would increase the federal budget deficit, jeopardizing benefit payments needed to pay current and future retirees. Bill Ref. H.R. 3177, Social Security Savings Act; H.R. 3821, Bipartisan Retirement Act ; H.R. 4851, Social Security Personal Guarantee and Prosperity Act, S. 2782,

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Name: DIEGEL, RICH

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: SHULER, LIZ

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

16. Specific lobbying issues:

The IBEW opposed the U.S.-Singapore and Chile Free Trade Agreements that contain weak labor protections and expand temporary entry provisions to immigrants from these countries leading to American job losses and increased U.S. trade deficits. Bill Ref. H.R. 2738, H.R. 2739. The IBEW opposed the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). This free trade covers U.S. trade with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. President Bush signed the pact. The IBEW opposed its approval by Congress. No bill reference.

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Jan 31, 2005

Printed Name and Title: RICK DIEGEL - DIRECTOR, IBEW POLITICAL/LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPAR