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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

AMERICAN CABLE ASSN

2. Address:
ONE PARKWAY CENTER #212, PITTSBURGH, PA 15220-3505

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

4. Contact Name: ROBERT E. SHEMA
Telephone: 4129228300
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Senate ID #: 54528-12
House ID #:

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

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):_____

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): 100,000.00

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

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: COM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 5072, the "Universal service Reform Act," a bill to reform the Universal Service Fund to improve its solvency and expand the scope of its contributions and distributions to broadband. Author: Rep. Terry (R-NE-2) Introduced March 30, 2006 Cosponsors: 10 Latest Action:Referred to the Subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet H.R. 5252, a bill to reform video franchising process and authorize the FCC to adjudicate network neutrality disputes. Author: Rep. Barton (R-TX-6) Introduced May 1 ,2006 Cosponsors: 55 Latest Action: Placed on senate Legislative calendar under General orders Calendar No. 652 H.R. 5264, the "Digital Television Consumer Education Act," a bill to provide consumers with more information about the transition to digital television in February 2009. Author: Rep. Engel (D-NY-17) Introduced: May 2, 2006 Cosponsors: None Latest Action: Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee H.R. 5273, the "network Neutrality Act," a bill to impose network neutrality requirements on broadband providers. Author: Rep. Markey (D-MA-7) Introduced: May 2, 2006 Cosponsors: 3 Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet H.R. 5319, the "Deleting Online Predators Act," a bill to require schools and libraries to protect minors from certain chat rooms and social networking websites. Author: Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA-8) Introduced May 11, 2006 Cosponsors: 6 Latest Action: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation H.R. 5417 - the "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act," a bill to amend the Clayton Act, impose new net neutrality and non-discrimination requirements on owners of broadband networks. Author: Rep. Sensenbrennar (R-WI-5) Introduced: May 18, 2005 Cosponsors: 3 latest Action: Placed on Union Calendar, Calendar No. 303 H.R. 5422 - a bill to make the Internet Tax moratorium and the Internet Tax Freedom Act, which expire on November 1, 2007, permanent. Author: Rep. Sensenbrennar (R-WI-5) Introduced: May 18, 2005 Cosponsors: 4 Latest Action: Referred to the Judiciary Committee The following list represent the types of legislation that addresses the issues ACA lobbies on behalf of its members: S. 2258 - the "Internet and Universal Service Act," a bill to reform the Universal Service Fund to make it financially solvent and expand both its contributions and distributions to broadband. Author: Senator Burns (R-MT) Introduced: February 8, 2006 Cosponsors: none Latest Action: Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee S. 2264 - the "Consumer Phone Record Security Act," a bill to enhance consumer protections against unauthorized sale and use of confidential telephone information. Author: Senator Pryor (D-AR) Introduced: February 9, 2006 Cosponsors: 1 Latest Action: Referred to senate Commerce Committee S. 2360 - the "Internet Non-Discrimination Act," a bill to impose network neutrality and non-discrimination requirements on broadband providers. Author: Sen. Wyden (D-OR) Introduced: March 2, 2006 Cosponsors: none Latest Action: Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee S. 2426 - the "Cyber Safety for Kids Act," a bill to further protect minors from harmful material on the Internet. Author: Sen. Baucus (D-MT) Introduced: March 16, 2006 Cosponsors: 1 Latest Action: Referred to the Senate Commerce Committee S. 2644, the "PERFORM Act of 2006," a bill to harmonize the rates for section 112 and section 114 copyright licenses. Author: Sen. Feinstein (D-CA) Introduced: April 25, 2006 Cosponsors: 2 Latest Action: Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee S. 2686, the "Communications, Consumers Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act," a bill to update the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by instituting national video franchises, studying the need for network neutrality rules, imposing uniform program access requirements, abolishing the terrestrial exemption, and reinstating the FCC's video captioning requirements. Author: Senator Stevens (R-AK) Introduced: May 1, 2006 Cosponsors: 1 Latest Action: Referred to Senate Commerce Committee. Legislative hearings May 18, May 25, June 13. S. 2917, the "Internet Freedom Preservation Act," a bill to impose network neutrality and non-discrimination requirements on broadband providers. Author: Rep. Snowe (R-ME) Introduced: May 19, 2006 Cosponsors: 7 Latest Action: Referred to Senate Commerce Committee S.2989, the "Franchise Reform Act," a bill to provide for national video franchise modeled on the state franchise recently enacted in Texas. Author: Sen Hutchison (R-TX) Introduced: May 23, 2006 Cosponsors: none Latest Action: Referred to Senate Commerce Committee Generally, the following issues were addressed in the offices specified: Federal Communications Commission - Digital Television Transition, Retransmission Consent Reform, Emergency Sytsem Relief for Smaller Companies, Program Access, Open Access, Regulatory Parity, VOIP Regulations, Video Programming Price Index Federal Communications Commission - RM-11203 Federal Communications Commission - CALEA Federal Communications Commission - EAS House and Senate-Escalating Programming Rates and Greater Forced Tying and Bundling of Programming Services by Major Media Conglomerates Causing Consumers' Cable Rates to Rise; Need for Transparency in Programming in Programming Pricing House and Senate - Lack of Consumer Choice and Need for Cable Operators and Consumers to Have Right to Tier-High-Cost Services House and Senate - Retransmission Consent Abuse by Major Media Conglomerates and Need for Changes in or Elimination of Retransmission Consent Laws and Regulations House and Senate - The Need to Reform Pole Attachment Rate Regulations House Commerce Committee - Digital Television Transition; Phased-in Transition for Smaller Markets and Rural Areas, the Impact of Video Over IP, the Need for Regulatory Parity (to treat services alike) Rural Utility Service - Technology Neutral Access to Broadband Loans and Programs General Accounting Office - Report on Cable/Programming Rates and the FCC Rulemaking Process. Senate Commerce Committee - Media Ownership; Negative Consumer and Business Effects of Further Consolidation of Programming and Broadcast Entities; Digital Television Transition Impact on Rural Consumers; the Need for Access to Local Into Local DBS Signals because of the Digital Cliff Effect Resulting from the Digital Transition See next page for description

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
Agriculture, Dept of (USDA)
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Government Accountability Office (GAO)
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18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: POLKA, MATTHEW M.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SHEMA, ROBERT
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 12, 2007

Printed Name and Title: ROBERT E. SHEMA -