

KEY FINDINGS

From 2001 through 2006, 87 senators' campaign committees or political action committees -- 43 Republicans, 42 Democrats and two Independents -- either paid salary to or reimbursed a family member, paid fees to or reimbursed a family business or family employer or made contributions to a family member's political campaign or reimbursed the senator directly. In addition, 31 senators have had one or more family members who have been registered to lobby the U.S. Congress or have been employed in government affairs.

CREW's key findings include:

Family members working as lobbyists or in government affairs:

- 31 senators have one or more family members who have been registered to lobby or employed in government affairs.
- Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), has the most family members who have been registered to lobby, with four. Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) has three family members who have been registered to lobby. Senators Kent Conrad (D-ND), Trent Lott (R-MS), Mark Pryor (D-AR), Harry Reid (D-NV) and Ted Stevens (R-AK) have two family members who have been registered to lobby.
- In total, 33 registered lobbyists are related to senators.

Family members receiving salaries or fees:

- 16 senators paid family members salaries or fees, with four of the 16 paying two family members (Sens. Joe Biden (D-DE), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT)).
- 20 family members were paid salaries or fees.

Top five senators paying the most money in salaries or fees to family members:

- Senator Jim Bunning, (R-KY) paid the most total money to family members. He paid his daughter, Amy Towles, \$138,933.37. Ms. Towles was paid more than the child of any other senator.
- Senator John Sununu (R-NH) paid his brother, James Sununu, \$81,037.72.
- Senator Michael Crapo (R-ID) paid his wife, Susan Crapo, \$78,514.50.
- Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) paid his sister, Valerie Biden Owens, and his niece, Catherine Owens, a combined \$54,904.78.
- Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) paid two nephews, Joseph Kennedy and Matthew

Kennedy a combined \$50,073.87.

- Combined, senators paid \$528,797.42 in salaries or fees directly to family members.

Family businesses or employers receiving fees:

- Six senators paid fees or contributed to a family member's business or employer.
- Nine senators reimbursed a family member's business or employer.
- In total, senators paid fees, reimbursed or donated to 13 family business or employers.

Top five senators payments or contributions to a family businesses or employer:

- Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) paid the largest amount in fees to a family business. She paid her son's company \$320,000.00.
- Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY) paid his daughter-in-law's company \$306,251.58.
- Senator Christopher Bond (R-MO) paid his wife's company \$256,773.50.
- Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) paid his son's company \$38,974.41.
- Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) donated \$6,000.00 to his daughter's employer.
- In total, senators paid \$928,399.49 in fees or contributed to a family businesses or employers.
- In total, senators reimbursed family businesses or employers \$15,846.19.

Reimbursements to family and self:

Number of senators who reimbursed family member: 56

Number of senators who reimbursed themselves: 77

Top five senators reimbursing themselves the most money:

- Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) was reimbursed \$188,890.80.
- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) was reimbursed \$170,468.07.
- Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE) was reimbursed \$90,019.34.
- Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) was reimbursed \$88,451.03.

- Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) was reimbursed \$82,840.52.

Top five senators reimbursing family members the most money:

- Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) reimbursed family members \$49,931.97.
- Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID) reimbursed family members \$48,355.85.
- Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) reimbursed family members \$42,211.22.
- Senator Larry Craig (R-ID) reimbursed family members \$21,436.26.
- Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) reimbursed family members \$18,222.55.

Contributions to political campaigns:

Six senators made contributions to a family member's political campaign:

- Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) contributed to his nephew's campaign for state legislature.
- Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND) contributed to his cousin's campaign.
- Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) contributed to her brother's mayoral campaign.
- Senator Trent Lott (R-MS) contributed to the state senate campaign of an unknown relative.
- Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR) contributed to his cousin's congressional campaign.
- Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) contributed to his daughter-in-law's state board of education campaign.

QUICK OVERVIEW

KEY:

- 1 = paid family member salary or fees
- 2 = paid family member's business or employer
- 3 = reimbursed family member
- 4 = reimbursed self
- 5 = reimbursed family member's business or employer
- 6 = family member is a lobbyist or is employed in government affairs
- 7 = made contribution to a family member's political campaign
- 8 = paid interest on personal loans to campaign

Akaka (D-HI): 3	Dorgan (D-ND): 4, 6
Alexander (R-TN): 3, 4	Durbin (D-IL): 3, 4
Allard (R-CO): 1, 2, 3, 4	Ensign (R-NV): 4
Baucus (D-MT): 4	Enzi (R-WY): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Bayh (D-IN): 4, 5, 6	Feingold (D-WI): 3, 4
Bennett (R-UT): 3, 4	Feinstein (D-CA): 4,
Biden (D-DE): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	Graham (R-SC): 3, 4
Bingaman (D-NM): 3, 4	Grassley (R-IA): 3, 4, 6
Bond (R-MO): 2, 3, 4, 5	Gregg (R-NH): 3, 4
Boxer (D-CA): 2, 3, 4, 5	Hagel (R-NE): 4
Brown (D-OH): 3, 4	Harkin (D-IA): 3, 4, 6
Brownback (R-KS): 3, 4	Hatch (R-UT): 3, 4, 6
Bunning (R-KY): 1, 3, 4, 6	Hutchison (R-TX): 3, 4, 6
Burr (R-NC): 1, 3, 4, 6	Inhofe (R-OK): 4
Byrd (D-WV):	Inouye (D-HI): 3, 4, 6
Cantwell (D-WA): 4, 8	Isakson (R-GA): 3, 4
Cardin (D-MD): 7	Johnson (D-SD): 1, 3, 4, 6
Carper (D-DE): 3, 4	Kennedy (D-MA): 1, 3
Casey (D-PA): 4	Kerry (D-MA): 3, 4
Chambliss (R-GA): 3, 4, 6	Klobuchar (D-MN):
Clinton (D-NY): 5	Kohl (D-WI):
Coburn (R-OK): 3, 4	Kyl (R-AZ): 3, 4
Cochran (R-MS): 4	Landrieu (D-LA): 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Coleman (R-MN): 4	Lautenberg (D-NJ):
Collins (R-ME): 4, 5	Leahy (D-VT): 4, 6
Conrad (D-ND): 1, 4, 6, 7	Levin (D-MI): 3, 5 ¹
Corker (R-TN): 4	Lieberman (I-CT): 3, 4, 6
Cornyn (R-TX): 1, 3, 4	Lincoln (D-AR): 3, 4
Craig (R-ID): 3, 4	
Crapo (R-ID): 1, 3, 4	
DeMint (R-SC): 4, 6	
Dodd (D-CT): 3, 4, 6	
Dole (R-NC): 3, 4, 6	
Domenici (R-NM): 3, 4	

¹ The reimbursement was to his brother's campaign committee.

Lott (R-MS): 2,² 4, 6, 7
Lugar (R-IN): 3, 6
Martinez (R-FL): 3, 4
McCain (R-AZ): 3, 4
McCaskill (D-MO):
McConnell (R-KY):
Menendez (D-NJ): 1, 4
Mikulski (D-MD):
Murkowski (R-AK): 3, 4
Murray (D-WA): 4
Nelson (D-NE): 4
Nelson (D-FL): 3, 4, 6
Obama (D-IL): 4
Pryor (D-AR): 3, 6, 7
Reed (D-RI): 4
Reid (D-NV): 5, 6, 7
Roberts (R-KS): 3, 4, 6
Rockefeller (D-WV): 3, 4
Salazar (D-CO): 3, 4
Sanders (I-VT): 1, 3, 4
Schumer (D-NY):
Sessions (R-AL): 3, 4
Shelby (R-AL): 3, 4
Smith (R-OR):
Snowe (R-ME): 6
Specter (R-PA):
Stabenow (D-MI): 1, 4, 6
Stevens (R-AK): 4, 6
Sununu (R-NH): 1, 3, 4, 6
Tester (D-MT): 4
Thune (R-SD):
Vitter (R-LA): 3, 4
Voinovich (R-OH): 1, 3, 4, 6
Warner (R-VA):
Webb (D-VA): 4
Whitehouse (D-RI): 3
Wyden (D-OR): 4

² Lott's campaign committee made a donation to his daughter's employer.