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### The 12 Days of Lobbying

The House Legislative Resource Center and the Senate Office of Public Records (SOPR) are accepting comments from lobbyists regarding their disclosure requirements. The holidays are not the time to think about HLOGA; they are a time of good cheer. Besides, you've heard enough about that law this year! While 2009 promises even more lobbying changes - updated guidance from the House Clerk, potential executive branch modifications from the Obama administration and FEC rules on bundling - it is the holiday season, and as such, we present the "12 Days of Lobbying."

We at Lobbyists.info wish everyone happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

**A Partridge in a Pear Tree:** The Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission may not be able to provide you with a partridge, but its members help in promoting research of pear trees. In fact, the commission will hold its Northwest Pear Review Research in February. The commission has hired an outside lobbyist for work on agriculture issues.

**Two Turtle Doves:** Doves represent the National Peace Foundation, an organization that promotes conflict resolution.

**Three French Hens:** French hens do lay eggs, and the United States Poultry and Egg Association has retained lobbyists to represent its interests in front of the Environmental Protection

### Quote of the Week

"There are all kinds of groups and entities trying to buy influence with members of Congress. The burden is on the members to show why taking this trip should be permitted."

**-Meredith McGahee of the Campaign Legal Center, quoted Dec. 16 in The Hill on privately-funded trips to the Caribbean.**



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Agency.

**Four Calling Birds:** The American Bird Conservancy's mission is to ensure that native birds and their habitats are protected, including calling birds. The organization has lobbied on its own behalf on several pieces of bird-related legislation, including the Bird Treaty Act and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

**Five Golden Rings:** The Fashion Jewelry Trade Association has hired lobbyists to ensure that its members can afford to produce golden rings. Legislation proposed in some states would ban the sale of lead-based jewelry; the FJTA supports national lead standards.

**Six Geese A-laying:** The United Egg Producers surely have geese-a-laying eggs for its members. The association is represented by several firms on issues ranging from the Farm Bill to commodity futures legislation.

**Seven Swans A-swimming:** Black Swan LLP might not be a swan-a-swimming, but the firm does represent two groups wishing to benefit from this holiday season: Target and the Retail Industry Leaders Association. The firm has represented both organizations on trade issues.

**Eight Maids A-milking:** The National Milk Producers Federation are comprised of many maids (and men) a-milking. The association's in-house lobbyists have represented the organization on a number of issues, including carbon cap-and-trade programs, labeling of cloned animals and immigration issues.

**Nine Ladies Dancing:** Dance/USA lobbies on its own behalf to ensure that funds are available to keep ladies dancing. In its most recent lobbying disclosure report, the organization stated that it lobbied on funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as for arts education funding in the Labor, HHS and Education appropriations bill.

**Ten Lords A-leaping:** LORD Corporation is just one of several lords-a-leaping. The company, which manufactures adhesives, coating and other technologies for the aerospace and defense industries, has retained outside counsel to lobby on the House and Senate defense appropriations bills.

**Eleven Pipers Piping:** DLA Piper is one of the biggest pipers piping when it comes to K Street revenue. One of its many clients is Amazon.com, a place many people go to shop for discounted holiday gifts. DLA Piper has lobbied on behalf of the online store

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on intellectual property issues.

**Twelve Drummers Drumming:** The Recording Industry Association of America represents many musicians, especially the drummers drumming, keeping the beat on songs like "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." While kids lobby Santa for a drum set, lobbyists representing those drummers have legislation regarding internet radio, intellectual property and net neutrality on their wish lists.

For more information on these organizations and many others involved in lobbying visit [www.lobbyists.info](http://www.lobbyists.info) and register for a free trial.

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