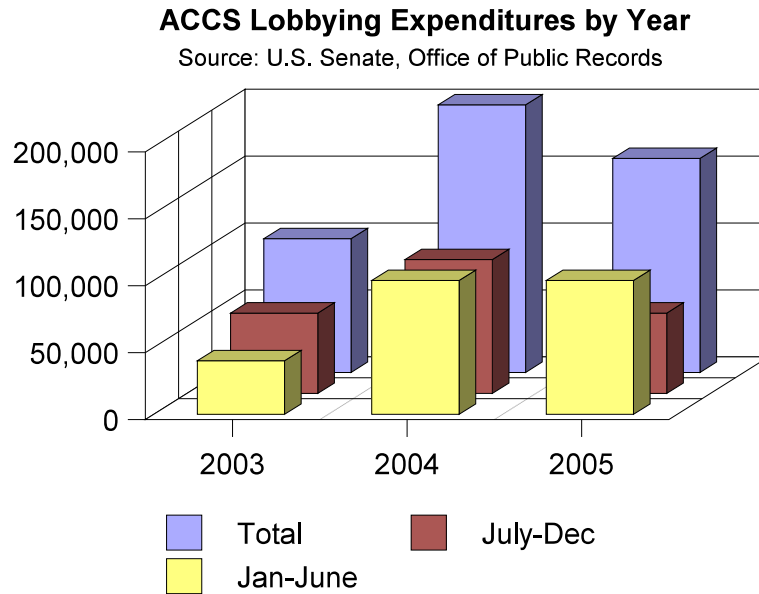


## LOBBYING ON THE "CHECK DIVERSION" EXEMPTION

The moving force behind the proposed exemption for check diversion schemes is San Clemente, California-based **American Corrective Counseling Services, Inc. (ACCS)**. ACCS is the largest "check diversion" company and has been named as the defendant in several consumer class action lawsuits alleging deceptive and abuses practices throughout the nation. Since at least 2003, ACCS has employed the high-powered lobbying firm of **Brownstein Hyatt Farber**, spending from \$100,000 to \$200,000 annually solely on efforts to obtain an exemption from the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. The following figures represent ACCS's lobbying expenditures for the three years for which official disclosures are available:



Much of ACCS's lobbying activity has focused on the Senate Banking Committee. The company's founder and president, **Don R. Mealing**, and his wife Mary, have personally given the maximum allowable contributions (\$2,000) to two key Banking Committee members - Chairman Shelby (R-AL) and key Committee Democrat Christopher Dodd (D-CT) (Source: Center for Responsive Politics).

In addition, ACCS's registered lobbyists have made numerous personal contributions in recent years to members of the Senate Banking Committee:

Lobbyist Name	Former Position(s)	Senate Banking Committee Members Contributed To:
Alfred Mottur	former Senior Communications Counsel for the United States Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee	Tom Carper (D-DE) Evan Bayh (D-IN) Chris Dodd (D-CT)

Richard May	former Majority Staff Director of the House Budget Committee, and was previously the Republican Staff Director of the Committee	Richard Shelby (R-AL) Wayne Allard (R-CO) Rick Santorum (R-PA)
Michael Levy	former Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Department of Treasury and Senior Advisor to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and former Chief of Staff to former U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen	Richard Shelby (R-AL) Tom Carper (D-DE) Evan Bayh (D-IN) Chuck Schumer (D-NY) Christopher Dodd (D-CT) Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)
Thomas H. Hudson		Richard Shelby (R-AL) Tom Carper (D-DE) Tim Johnson (D-SD) Christopher Dodd (D-CT) Evan Bayh (D-IN)