

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 414

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature comprises forty-nine members elected by the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature are elected to serve and act with undivided loyalty in the best interests of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, as elected officials and lawmakers, members of the Legislature are held to a higher standard; and

WHEREAS, members of the Legislature are expected to exemplify integrity, be above suspicion, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety in discharging their duty; and

WHEREAS, lobbyists are paid to influence members of the Legislature to advance the particular interests of their clients by various and sundry official legislative acts; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of impropriety and undue influence may be fostered when members of the Legislature are provided and accept free meals and beverages in the State Capitol building from lobbyists who are paid to influence the members of the Legislature to advance the interests of their clients by various and sundry official legislative acts; and

WHEREAS, in politics, "there is no such thing as a free lunch" and "the hand that feeds controls".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That no meals and beverages shall ever be provided anywhere in the State Capitol building to members of the Legislature by any lobbyist or group of lobbyists while the Legislature is in session.