

A. Richard Heffron, Sr., VicePresident, Government Affairs of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber's chief lobbyist).

Mr. Heffron said he was raised in a political family so he'd been involved for a long time. He made clear the views he expressed were his own and that he was not speaking for the Chamber.

- * Elections cost money and that won't change.

- * A campaign's best resource is man/woman power.

- *Unless/until we have public financing of elections, he believes full disclosure of contributions is the most that can be achieved. He would like to see full disclosure of all contributions (any amount) and no contributions allowed in the 10 days before elections.

Lobbying

- *The job of any lobbyist is to present the client's positions.

- *He doesn't believe that private organizations (such as the state Chamber or any nonprofit) should have to report the salaries of their lobbyists.

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- *He did say he wouldn't object if lobbyists' employers were required to report total spending for lobbying.

Change needed for Delaware

- * He believes fundraisers by legislators in Dover should be prohibited during the legislative session, January—June 30. He thinks, "It doesn't look good even if it doesn't influence any votes." (Legislators frequently schedule fundraisers at local establishments immediately before or after the hours the legislature meets, and notices of such events are posted around Legislative Hall.)