

## **GIFTS PERMITTED BY EXCEPTION TO THE GIFT RULE**

If you have any question about the applicability of an exception, seek guidance before accepting.

- Gifts from relatives
- Gifts from other members or employees
- Gifts based on personal friendship with a value less than \$250.00  
**Exercise caution when relying on this.**
- Personal hospitality in a private home  
(except from a registered lobbyist)
- Free attendance at receptions, charity, political or "widely attended" events
  - Invitation must come from the sponsor
  - Benefits offered must be available to all attendees
  - "Widely available" = > 25 outside invitees from industry or profession
- Anything paid for by federal, state or local government
- Commemorative items *must commemorate attendance at event*
- Books, periodicals and information *must be received at the office*
- "Home State" products
- Widely available opportunities, benefits and loans
- Widely available prizes valued less than \$260.00
- Training in the interest of the House
- Gifts approved by the Ethics Committee
  - including advance approval of wedding gifts