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Thursday, December 4, 2014.

Met at a quarter past two o'clock P.M.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file:

Communication from the Honorable Eileen M. Donoghue, in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at eleven minutes past twelve o'clock noon); and

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Eric J. Krathwohl of Ipswich (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014) to the Net Metering Task Force.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2405) of Stephen M. Brewer, Anne M. Gobi and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the financial condition of the town of Winchendon [Local approval received]; and

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2404) of Stephen M. Brewer and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the town of Barre [Local approval received];

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Lewis, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill to establish a sick leave bank for Eileen Bazinet, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (Senate, No. 2403);

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the appointment of designees to the Inspector General Counsel (House, No. 4090,-- on House, No. 3937), --
was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Communication.

The Clerk read the following communication:

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

December 4, 2014

Senate President Therese Murray
State House Room 332
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Madame President:

I respectfully request to have this correspondence read in today's session: To my colleagues giving farewell speeches today- Madame President; the esteemed Chairman of Senate Ways and Means; the gentleman from Andover; the gentleman from Uxbridge, and the gentle-lady from Wilbraham- please know how much I've enjoyed serving in the Senate with each of you. I am unable to join you in the Chamber today due to longstanding travel plans for business but will be keeping each of you in my thoughts.

It has been a pleasure serving with you all, and Madame President - it has been an absolute honor to serve the people of Cape Cod with you.

Sincerely,
DANIEL A. WOLF

*State Senator
Cape & Islands District*

On motion of Ms. Chandler, the above communication was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Remarks of Senator Barry R. Finegold.

Thank for the intros Senators Rush and Petrucci, two great friends and two great public servants.

These speeches are where so much could be said, but I really just want to say thank you.

Thank the district for giving me the honor to serve.

Thank the Senate President for her Bellicheckesque leadership style...

Her staff, clerks, and court officers.

Steve Brewer - his steadfast leadership for fiscal discipline.

Senator Tarr, Make fun of me...waiting till you see me now... My fellow metal head Bob Hedlund, yes we go to metal shows together!

Stan Rosenberg...who truly exemplifies what the Massachusetts Dream is all about and wrote the book on resilience and dedication.

I have to give a shout out to my classmates When I first came in Brian and Gail, class of 97, you and Paul Frost are the last of the Mohicans, do us proud.

Merrimack Valley, Eileen, Katie, Mike and Ken....not easy being on the border...Being from the Valley has its challenges, we appreciate our friends from the North Shore Senators McGee and Lovely for helping when we have regional challenges

My partner in crime in energy Ben Downing ... I do hope we as a state continue to get off our dependency on fossil fuels and push for more renewables.

... I felt like I spent last session talking about IWP with John Keenan and I appreciate the business talks with Dan Wolf, I might need some more of those!

Representing a gateway city -

Mike Rodrigues, Fall River, don't be surprised if I show up at one of his events, his fundraisers, like a four star restaurant, I don't know if he actually raises money, but no one goes away hungry.

Jim Welch Springfield, Tom Kennedy in Brockton, Mark in New Bedford, Harley, Mike and Jen in Worcester County, Linda in Boston.

Sal DiDomenico, Chelsea...go to one of his events in Everett or walk around Chelsea...like Elvis! when we did the legislative boycott of Market Basket last summer, he was the first person to sign on.

Pat Jehlen, one last grocery store trip before boycott.

We need to continue to fight for these gateway cities and close the achievement gap.

I could really go around the room and say something special about every one of you...one of the best things about what I did last year was seeing all of you in action.

Value what you do a public servant...

Airline analogy

Vast majority of us don't do this business for the fame money or glory, we do it because we want to help people...there will always be the critics, but remember we do this because we want to help people

Thank my staff, Zach Frish, Alison Glueck, Stephanie Viola and Caitriona Fitzgerald, past staff Autumn.

My family

Thank the district for giving me the honor to serve, Andover, Tewksbury, Dracut and Lawrence. It is a district that is symbolic of the state, you have farmers, blue collar, higher end socio economic and people living in poverty.

Keep an eye on my first love, the City of Lawrence!

When I was first elected we were the stolen car capital and the insurance fraud capital of the commonwealth.

We have seen economic development, schools our better, crime is down and a lot if due to all of your efforts, and I thank you for that.

It is a city on the move.

Thank you for this honor.

Remarks of Senator Gale D. Candaras.

Before I begin, I want to say thank you to Speaker DeLeo and my many friends in the House where I served for 10 years. When I left the House 8 years ago, I cleverly dodged making a farewell speech by saying that there was little reason as I was only going across the hall. I want to say thank you to them for their love and support for all these years. We had many adventures together. And although I still believe that there is nothing good about goodbye, here I am.

I will take this opportunity to address my Senate colleagues and say thank you to everyone with whom I've served in the House here. We have been on an amazing journey together—through good times and bad—and I can honestly say that I am as proud to have worked here with all of you as I am proud of anything I have ever done.

Madame President, I want to tell you that it was an honor to serve with you and to have that moment in history together when I voted for you to be the first woman president in the Senate's 350 year history. We served together, our mission here is done and we leave together. I am deeply satisfied with that and all that we accomplished during your distinguished tenure.

I thank you for giving me so many wonderful opportunities to serve. Under your leadership, I was challenged and, in fact, I needed everything I had ever learned in college, law school, the private sector and everywhere else I've ever been! I found astonishing your command of the detail of every aspect of the budget, the bio tech sector and business development both here and abroad. Congratulations, again, on your recent award in Ireland one of many you have deservedly received.

To my great friend and future Senate President, Stan Rosenberg. You come to this moment in history with a lifetime of personal, professional and leadership experiences and accomplishments and a tremendous reach. You come to be Senate President with the respect and admiration of this august body. I watched you work on redistricting and the gaming legislation and, at the same time, watched you suffer through chemotherapy. Your integrity, perseverance under extreme stress was a lesson in courage that will be with me always.

To my Clansman, Minority Leader, Senator Bruce Tarr. In the finest Greek tradition, you are one of the best orators I have ever heard. The collegiality you and your Minority Corner colleagues have demonstrated should stand as an exemplar for the United States Congress of how people from different political persuasions can work together and do wonderful things for the people they serve. Thank you for your many kindnesses.

To one of the best guys on the planet, Senator Brewer. No one will ever know how hard you worked as Ways and Means Chair and your personal sacrifice. I doubt folks outside of this building could fathom it if I could even succeed in the telling of it. It had to be seen first-hand and experienced and I want to express my personal gratitude to you for always listening to my pleas for various budget needs and on behalf of my District and the people of Western Mass, thank you for finding so many ways to help us. No one can squeeze 10 cents out of a nickel the way you can. I understand so well your reasons for leaving but yours is a big loss to the Senate and to the people of Western Mass.

To one of the finest gentlemen I've ever met, Senator Richard Moore, who was my seat mate and one of the brightest lights in the building.

I so enjoyed your dry sense of humor and to my classmate and seat mate, Barry Feingold who I know has a very bright future ahead, thank you both for putting up with my papers, pens and miscellany spreading onto your desks.

To the court officers and rangers, I want to thank you all for your many, many kindnesses to me and to my staff and to my husband, Art, and for taking such good care of all of us and to our photographer, Bruce, thank goodness you are so highly skilled!!

And to my very capable, loyal and dedicated staff, one of the great joys of my life has been to work with all of you even though you have forced me to do many things I did not want to do. It has also been a privilege to work with all the staff in the building—so many fine young people and that has been a joyful experience. They say that working with young people keeps you young. I'm counting on that. I am also counting on these folks to be future leaders. What I say to people when I tell them about the staff here is that they should not worry about the future of our state and our country. We are growing great leaders and we are going to be just fine as a state and nation.

I leave here satisfied with the body of work I have completed and with a full heart for all the people of my district to whom I have given full measure of my time and efforts for so many years.

I especially want to thank my hometown of Wilbraham for giving me my start in public life and which has been steadfast in its support of me. I started out as a local volunteer in Wilbraham in 1988 on the planning board, then the finance committee and in 1990, I became a Selectwoman where I remained until I became a state rep on 6 weeks notice on stickers. I was sworn into the House on January 1, 1997. I served for ten years in the House, which I loved and where I served with some wonderful people and, finally, the past 8 years here with you, my esteemed colleagues.

I also want to say, "thank you" to the people of my adopted City of Springfield. I remember my first redistricting and how I fought to hold on to the City and not have my district moved further East. It is the City of Homes and a great City with a storied history. We may have been down but we are coming back! I won't sing "Everything's Coming Up Roses," because we will continue to need your help but I thank all of my colleagues for your support of my efforts on behalf of Springfield.

I ask you now to please accord every courtesy and form of assistance, as I know you will, to my successor, Senator Elect Eric Lesser, who will be sworn here on January 7. He is a fine and talented gentleman who very much wants to serve well the thousands of voters who sent him here with high hopes for the future.

To all of the dedicated and extraordinary public servants and friends with whom I have served, be assured that Wherever I am on the planet, you have a friend and wherever I am you are always welcome! God Bless You All and as Joan Baez once sang, May your song always be sung and may you be forever young!

Remarks of Senator Richard T. Moore.

Madame President,

I want to express my warm regards and gratitude for the introductions that were just offered by my friends Senator McGee and Senator Tarr. I am honored and humbled by their very generous sentiments and, especially, by their years of friendship.

Many years ago, when the Sun was rising on my legislative career, I cast my first vote in the House of Representatives for Thomas W. McGee for Speaker. Later he honored me with appointments to chair the Committee on State Administration and, then, the Committee on Taxation – now known as the Revenue Committee. I also stood with him eight years later when, after serving longer than any other House leader, he lost re-election as Speaker. I have been equally proud to serve with his son, Senator Thomas M. McGee, and grateful for his willingness to speak so well of my service during the Sunset of my time in the legislature.

I am also proud of my service with Senator Bruce Tarr – having served with him in both the House and Senate and, at times, on the same committee. I even appointed him as a Junior Ranger of the Blackstone Valley based on his record of finding titles to confer upon me – a practice begun by that other Blackstone Valley Junior Ranger – Senator Brian Lees. Senator Tarr has been one of the great Minority Leaders in the Senate, a strong ally on issues important to the district that I have served and to the Commonwealth. Although sometimes, when reciting the Lord's Prayer, I seem to have difficulty with the words, "forgive those who trespass against us," I will not hold it against him that his caucus has increased by fifty percent, partly at my expense, as long as he will not hold the fruits of that election against me! I have no doubt that Senator Tarr will often reflect upon those results as he gazes up at the banner held in the mouth of the eagle above the President's rostrum that reads: "God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!"

Madame President, a month ago, I didn't expect to be speaking to the Senate today! It's clearly not by my choice that I do so. However, when the votes were counted on November 4th a strange thing happened - the other guy got more votes. Nevertheless, in the tradition of my Irish ancestors, I will forgive my enemies, but remember their names!

As I told my supporters on the night of the State Election, quoting Abraham Lincoln, whose bust adorns this Chamber behind my seat, I felt like "the boy who stubbed his toe, - "It hurt too bad to laugh, and he was too old to cry'."

While I would have preferred a different outcome, the wisdom of Benjamin Franklin, whose bust, ensconced in the depths of "Minority Corner" watching over this Senate Chamber, puts the results in more comforting context when he wrote: "We must not in the course of public life expect the immediate approbation and immediate grateful acknowledgement of our services. But let us," he said, "persevere through abuses and even injury. The internal satisfaction of a good conscience is always present, and time will do us justice in the minds of the people, even those at present the most prejudiced against us."

As I look back over my years of public service, I have been greatly blessed to have been given the time and the opportunity to help a lot of people, to make many friends over the years and, I think, to also make a positive difference for the region that I have faithfully served. I have had the great honor to represent the people of the South Central part of the Commonwealth in both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate for 37 years. I am forever deeply indebted to those who sent me here for their friendship and trust over nearly four decades.

During that time, I've served with Governors Dukakis, King, Weld, Cellucci, Swift, Romney and Patrick, House Speakers McGee, Keverian, Flaherty, Finneran, DiMasi, and DeLeo, and Senate Presidents Harrington, Bulger, Birmingham, Travaglini and Murray. House Clerks Wally Mills, Bob MacQueen, and Steve James, Senate Clerks, Edward O'Neill, Pat Scanlon, and my constituent, Bill Welch. Another bit of history is that I served in the last 240 member House, and the first 160 member House, and I had the great honor of serving as a Presidential Elector in 1992.

I had the privilege of voting for the first Italian-American to be President of the Senate and the first woman to preside over either branch of the General Court in its three hundred and eighty-five year history. I want to thank the Senate President for her confidence, support, and friendship even though my votes sometimes strayed from the "path of righteousness," I had hoped also to cast another historic vote in January to vote for the first Jewish Senate President who has been a friend for much of my time in this building.

My closest partner and frequent advisor throughout my time in the State House is, of course, my wife Joanne. When we married, a little more than thirty-five years ago, I was already serving my second House term although we had been dating for about five years prior. She has always been my most loyal supporter and wisest critic. No one else could have been as helpful, or as patient! She will always be the "Speaker of my House!"

In the days following the most recent election, I expressed my deep gratitude to the many voters in the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Dudley, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Oxford, Southbridge, Sutton, Uxbridge, and Webster who voted for me for State Senator in the November 4th State Election. Of course, many more have voted for me and worked on my behalf even before my initial election to the House of Representatives in 1976, and in eight subsequent elections to the House, and in my election to the Senate in April of 1996 when I entered this Chamber with, now Congressman Stephen Lynch. The voters of the Worcester-Norfolk Senate District continued to endorse my re-election to the Senate every two years in

the next nine elections.

Those elections gave me unequalled opportunities to serve with some of the most dedicated and talented legislators in the history of the Commonwealth and, of course, a few genuine characters as well – they know who they are! Many of those with whom I have served – whether legislators, governors, cabinet secretaries, agency commissioners or others – merited far more public praise and remuneration than they ever received as public employees! I will always consider them to be my friends. The opportunity to meet and work with them – and with you, my Senate colleagues – has been the privilege of a lifetime and your friendship will be cherished and valued for the rest of my life!

Joanne and I also want to express our deep appreciation to all who helped in my re-election campaigns over the years from signing my nomination papers, holding or placing signs on their lawns, making phone calls, donating funds, and all of the other chores that are involved in supporting a candidate for public office. Although this latest campaign was, ultimately, unsuccessful, we made a valiant effort in a most challenging election cycle locally and nationally for Democratic incumbents. I am deeply humbled by the outpouring of support, encouragement, and condolences from so many friends and legislative colleagues – Republicans and Independents, as well as Democrats, including a personal call last Thursday from my long-time friend, President Bill Clinton.

I have been blessed by many competent, caring men and women serving on my staff both at the State House, and during my time in the federal government, over these last thirty-seven years. My current staff – Chief of Staff Shawn Collins, Communications Director Sean Riley, Constituent Service Director Zachary Tsetsos, District Director Timothy Harvey, and Administrative Assistant and Scheduler Debra Montville are among the best in state government. The list of former staff is long – both full-time and interns – and they have gone on to make their own mark on the world as a Congressman, a District Court Judge, numerous attorneys, several teachers, senior level members of state administrations, lobbyists, and successful business leaders. Joanne and I consider them as part of our family. One of the most important legacies any of us can leave is to encourage more bright young men and women to consider dedicating at least some of their professional life to public service whether full-time or part-time, elected, appointed, or volunteer. They are essential to the future of our democracy. An engaged citizenship is the tradition and spirit of Massachusetts from the earliest days of the republic!

One lesson I learned long ago, as a student at Clark University in Worcester, was that the most important people in any institution are the secretaries, custodians, security guards, and cafeteria workers. In state government, the most important people are not just the leaders we see on TV or on the front pages, but the people who make the system work no matter who gets elected – the professional staff of Senate and House Clerks, Senate and House Counsel, the Court Officers, Pages, State Troopers, Rangers, staff of the majority and minority leadership and committees, the clerical, technology staff, the photographers, and the personal staff of each legislator. I especially hope that you will continue to support our Senate Education Office and programs such as Student Government Day, the Citizens Legislative Seminar, Legislators Back to School, and the Intern Program which are vital to improving public understanding and support for the legislative institution.

While I'm speaking of staff, there's a recent report recommending improvements in compensation and benefits for senior leadership of the Commonwealth in the near future. Certainly, a case can be made for enhancements at the appropriate time. However, I would urge you not to forget the importance of adequately compensating the many caring and competent staff that help us serve the public. They clearly deserve more than the litany of thanks and praise at the conclusion of budget debates or at the end of sessions! We need to attract and retain more good people to work for the Legislature. We should not forget them when we sing the praises of a "living wage!"

While it won't be as good as a pay raise, my departure from the Senate, will mean that the Senate Clerk's staff can expect a significant reduction in their workload at bill filing time next January. Before electronic filing of legislation, I would ask my staff to bring coffee and pastry to the Clerk's office and, then, about an hour later to bring them the bills that I was filing. I remember that one time, then-Clerk Pat Scanlon called me to thank me for the coffee and donuts...and for the 300 bills that I filed that year! I am proud of our achievements to help communities and the Commonwealth, as well as the help I was able to provide to countless residents of the fourteen towns that I have been honored to serve as their State Senator and, before that, as State Representative and Selectman. Among those accomplishments are:

- Working with Senator Rosenberg to reform, and in several cases eliminate, county government.
- Working with Senate President Travaglini, Senator Murray, and Senator Lees to pass the landmark Massachusetts Health Reform Law that, like the "shot heard 'round the world" recalled when we look up at Captain Parker's musket, inspired a revolution in access to health care across the Nation.
- Working with Senate President Murray, Senator Petrucelli, and Senator Tarr to pass health care containment legislation that could save the people as much as \$200 billion in years to come.
- Working with Senator Murray to expand the use of health information technology through the Massachusetts eHealth Institute and with Senator Murray and Senator Montigny to improve patient protection by insisting on controls on the unbridled influence of pharmaceutical companies and their representatives that was, unfortunately weakened by the greed of a few major restaurants.
- Working with Senator Brewer to help build a new Emergency Department at a hospital in my district and to create an AED grant program for schools and communities.
- Working with Senator Montigny to establish Prescription Advantage and the School Emergency Medical Response Plans.
- Working with Senator Brewer and Senator Rush to strengthen the VALOR Act.
- Creating programs such as the Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety, the Senior Care Options (SCO) program, the Pediatric Palliative Care Program, the Central Massachusetts Down Syndrome Program at UMASS Memorial Children's Hospital, and to advance the effort to restore the civic mission of our schools and public colleges.

- And the list could easily go on, but we have many other things to do today!

Beyond accomplishments within the Legislature, I am proud that I have been an active member of the National Conference of State Legislatures rising to the office of President. This premier national organization representing state governments across the United States, as the voice of representative democracy, was founded by our own Senator Kevin B. Harrington of Salem, whose portrait hangs next door in the Senate Reception Room. I would encourage senators, representatives and staff to become more actively involved in the work of this organization. NCSL has helped me to be a better legislator through the information I've received by participating and has introduced me to numerous high-ranking federal officials, including the current President and Vice President of the United States and that has allowed the voice of state legislators to be heard in the highest councils of our national government. The friends who I've made, in both parties, through NCSL have even helped me to resolve several cases of constituents who had problems in other states.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to thank our men and women in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as the Massachusetts Army and Air National Guard, and to thank their families and especially, the Gold Star Families. It is through their shared service and sacrifice that we all enjoy our way of life in freedom, and that we are able to serve here to represent the people of the Commonwealth. George Washington, whose bust adorns the President's left behind the Majority Leader's seat, is said to have written that: *"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation."*

In this holiday season, although we, in the Senate, have helped to keep Massachusetts in the forefront of state funded veterans benefits, including the voluntary tax check off - option 32E on state tax forms to support the Military Friends Foundation. We can never be grateful enough for their heroic dedication. It was here that the United States Army was born in nearby Cambridge, and that General Sylvanus Thayer of Braintree – “the Father of West Point” – was born as one of my recent bills – Chapter 122 of the Acts of 2014 – commemorates through annual proclamations of the Governor. I am confident that the Senate will continue to honor our veterans with additional benefits, and will continue the respectful custom, initiated by Senator Brewer, of remembering sons and daughters of Massachusetts in ceremonies commemorating Memorial Day. Let us be ever mindful as we recommit ourselves to the unfinished work and values that make our Nation great – service to others; commitment to family, and to the civic life of community and Commonwealth – for which these heroes fought

Finally, as I move on to another challenging career, Joanne and I will be forever grateful for the multitude of friends that we've made among colleagues, constituents, staff, and so many others who have touched our lives. As the great Irish poet, William Butler Yeats once said, "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."

Remarks of Senator Stephen M. Brewer.

Thank you Senator Flanagan. From a young aide to Representative Mary Jane Simmons to the person you have become...it warms my heart to call you my friend for life. Your loyalty, your compassion and your abilities as a Senator will serve you well in your very promising future.

Of course I want to express my thanks to the people who really run this venerable building and all of the great work of a citizens' democracy – this noble experiment in self-government.

- The Senate Clerks: Bill, Mike and the entire staff

- o Professional, fair and focused

- The legal staff of Senate Counsel

- o Alice Moore, Madame Moderator

- o And to all who have worked to make sure that what we do is constitutional, ethical and consistent. You do it all in the absolute heat of the moment.

- To our Court Officers who keep decorum often in an emotional balcony and doorway. Democracy is often loud and unruly but when a deliberative body sets to effectuate laws, it needs to be done in a focused environment. Much like when people vote, campaigns have to be kept 150 feet away.

- Also, thank you Ben for keeping the candy drawers stocked.

- The Park Rangers who do a fine job especially to one of the most courageous women I have ever known – Deb McNamara.

I also want to give a shout out to the people who care for this building as well as those who clean, maintain and monitor our archives. They safeguard a public masterpiece and they do it well.

And to our photographer Bruce for his great photos - a true professional.

I also want to express my best wishes to:

Sen. Candaras

Sen. Feingold

Sen. Moore

And Senate President Murray – more after

18 years ago, I gave my farewell speech after 8 great years in the House of Representatives. The only thing I recall was singling out former Speaker Flaherty for the kindness to my daughter in his last day in office.

- Tell April story

When I got into the legislative life as a State Representative 26 years ago, my two fundamental big goals were to maintain my integrity (as the Irish say). A clear conscience is the softest pillow and to maintain my marriage. I have achieved both I am proud to say.

In 1985, I married the most beautiful lady I ever saw. She became my wife, the mother of our children and my best friend. She has put up with my schedule and your spouses and partners know what this entails.

The Blue light of T.V.

Scout ceremony, anniversary

Always using the prestige of your office to help make that someone else feel good.

As Bob Seeger in his song Against the Wind sings "Deadlines and Commitments what to leave in what to leave Out!"

Hey Val, now it's our turn, it's our time.

We recall the legislative achievements.

In Public Safety, work for call volunteer firefighters – the Worcester 6 – 15 years.

- Clinton's Martin McNamara

- Sprinkler Laws as a result of The Station Night Club

- The work we did to get an Amber Alert (thanks to John & Magi Bish and the loss of their daughter Molly)

- To get 3 fully staffed state police classes at the great training facility in New Braintree

Veterans

- The work for building a Veterans Cemetery in Winchendon – my maiden speech – 32,000 graves are already there.

- The Welcome Home Bill

- Full funding for Chelsea & Holyoke Soldiers Home

- Veteran Education & Rehabilitation @ Mount Wachusett Community College

- 45% increase in funding over the past 4 years for Veterans Outreach of homeless shelter

- Funding for Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Worcester and other War Memorials

- Our very moving Memorial Day tributes we have right here in this Chamber.

- The six funerals I have attended for our heroes lost in Iraq and Afghanistan Education/Communities

- The support for building 32 new schools in my district

- Regional School Bus Transportation

- Partnering to build new libraries

\$5 million in funding for Old Sturbridge Village

25% funding for Tornado Damages in Monson, Holland, Brimfield

Creation of the MWRA- DCR Trust Alliance so both ends of the water supply win.

Building Playgrounds

preserving open space

a new headquarters for the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in Westborough

Opening new beds at the Worcester Recovery Center for the Mentally Ill

Keeping Taunton State Hospital open

There is so much that we worked on. We often don't tell our story well enough!

About our bond ratings, our reserves, our disciplined approach to budgets and our comparison for those who have too little: the elderly, the challenged, the children. We know why we are here both Democrats and Republicans. It has been an honor to debate you Bruce Tarr or before you Richie Tisei and Brian P. Leader.

The Ways and Means closet is still better than the Republican closet.

The time goes by faster than we anticipate.

But we were given the gift of time. I think of Charlie Shannon and Bobby Havern as I write these remarks. Humor, intelligence, good will.

I think of the friendships as I look around: Dan Wolf, Mike Rush, Jim Timilty, Ben, Anthony, Marc, my classmate.

Trav, Bernstein, Andy Nuciforo, Tommy Kennedy, Fred Berry,

We have seen triumph and sadness.

The incredible victory of Marriage Equality with Steve Baddour and I guarding you, Madame President, on the Rostrum.

Knowing we don't put Civil Rights up for a plebiscite. Now 38 states are there. That was our finest hour. Richard Ross

I watched Paul Cellucci walk up the front steps to become Governor. I watched him carried up in his casket after teaching us how to live out a life with a terrible affliction with dignity and class. I tease Bill Weld about the host towns of the Quabbin and stood in a pasture with Jane Swift. I challenged Mike Dukakis to a debate about the New Braintree prison siting and I escorted my daughter April to sit down one on one with Deval Patrick. I will always be grateful.

We shared leadership meetings on Monday afternoon just the six of us: Speaker DeLeo, Chairman Dempsey, the Senate

President, the Secretary of Administration and Finance, the Lieutenant Governor and I.

The Governor would ask us questions and we would, as he said, speak in tongues.

If it wasn't for the Ice Storm and the flooding of the district office basement, I could have written the book, but I will leave that up to you Madame President.

Terri – sworn in – faith in me – great leader.

Picture

Other than my integrity and my marriage, I also wanted to exit on my own terms and to make sure that whoever got this seat shared my passion for the people I have given the better part of my life to. Well, my farewell tour has lasted longer than Derek Jeter's and my successor is one of my favorite friends in the whole world and she will be the 1st woman Senator ever in this District – Senator-Elect Anne Gobi.

Harriet Gobi.

This now leaves me to say thank you to the people of my district, some 35 towns large and small over the past 26 years. They had the confidence in me to return me virtually unchallenged over that time. Some communities in my State Representative District I have represented for 26 years. They have given me the honor of my life.

All I am or have ever hoped to be comes from my hometown of Barre. 37 years ago they elected me a Selectman. My family has resided in the same house for 91 years: 193 Pleasant Street. The Daunt farm family during my summers and my mother Agnes molded me into the person I am and I am forever grateful.

I spent 8 years as a staffer here working for the man who gave me my chance, Senator Bob Wetmore. I am a staffers' legislator because I know who does the real work. And deserve your raise and more.

I have had such incredible staffers both at Senate Ways and Means led by DJ Corcoran, Chris Bennett, Doug Howgate, Jen Sauberman, Stephanie Gunselman and Adriana Campos, all the analysts and legal teams.

My State Representative and Senate staff led by April Chabot Messenger, April Anderson Lamoureux, Kara Noonan Pear and Kate Barron Cohen and so many of you here, over 100 counting interns.

Two of them, Kate and Kara, are more like family.

So tonight like the Saw Doctors song, The Parting Glass: I will hoist a Guinness to you and feel like Lou Gehrig said: I am the luckiest man on the face of the earth.

Thank you all.

Remarks of Senator Therese Murray.

On motion of Ms. Chandler, the above remarks were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Rosenberg,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

On motion of Mr. Brewer, at one minute past five o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.