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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



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Monday, November 14, 2016.

Met at nine minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

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### *Reports.*

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the fiscal year 2016 (received November 10, 2016); and

MVRTA,-- annual  
report.  
SD2741

Report of the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the fiscal year 2016 (received November 7, 2016).

NRTA,-- annual  
report.  
SD2742

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A communication from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under the provisions of section 1B, 1J and 1K of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 603 CMR 2.00, regulations on accountability and assistance for school districts and schools (House, No. 4727),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.**

School districts,--  
accountability.

### *Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 4704), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.

Mary Katherine  
Sheehan,-- sick  
leave.

**The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and sent to the House for enactment.**

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "recognizing women in apprenticeships."

Women in  
apprenticeships.

### PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the Deerfield Economic Development Industrial Corporation (House, No. 4596,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Deerfield Economic  
Development  
Industrial Corp.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

A Resolve establishing a task force on integrity in state and local government (House, No. 4627, changed,-- on petition),-- was read.

State and local government,-- task force.

**There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the resolve was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

#### PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 4704) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Christine Barr Sullivan.

Moment of silence.

#### *Adjourn In Memory of Christine Barr Sullivan*

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Christine Barr Sullivan.

Christine Barr Sullivan who lived in Salem with her husband of many years, John Neely, died suddenly on October 25 at age 72. For over forty years, she balanced her deep community and career engagement with being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Born on May 24, 1944 in Boston, Christine grew up in Belmont, the daughter of William and Helen (Dolan) Sullivan. She graduated from Vassar College in 1965 and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 1975. Christine worked for North Shore Congressman Michael Harrington, eventually serving as his Chief of Staff and then for Governor Michael Dukakis as Secretary of Consumer Affairs. While Secretary, Christine married John Neely and started their family of five.

She embraced this new challenge, starting Best of Salem Magazine, then launching a successful marketing and public relations firm: Hawthorne Associates. In between, she chaired the Communications Department at Endicott College. In 2002, she became CEO of the Enterprise Center at Salem State University.

Christine served for ten years on the Salem Planning Board, was a member of

the Creative Economy Council of Massachusetts, and co-founder with Patricia Zaido of the Creative Economy Association of the North Shore. She also served as president of Historic Salem, Inc., served on the Salem Award Foundation Advisory Board, and on the boards of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, Beverly Bank, Salem YMCA, Northeast ARC, and the Bentley Academy Charter School.

Among her many accomplishments, she was particularly proud of one of her most recent: achieving a life-long goal of voting for a woman President of the United States - if only in the primary.

In addition to her husband John, Christine leaves her children: John Neely, Jr. and wife Justine of Lexington, Abigail Neely and partner Alexander Breslaw of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, and William Neely of Salem; her grandchildren Rose and Koji Neely; her brother and sister, William Sullivan of Orange and Mary Sullivan of Brookline, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Christine Barr Sullivan, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.