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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020**

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Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Met at eight minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (pursuant Section 29 of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019) submitting an extension notification of its review status of the eligible expenses and reimbursement rates in the school building assistance program (received October 13, 2020), -- was placed on file.

MSBA,-- school building assistance program extension. SD3078

Reports.

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

Report of the Office of Performance Management and Oversight (pursuant to Section 16G(i) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its FY2020 agency MA Life Sciences Center (MLSC) annual reports (received October 13, 2020);

OPMO,-- FY20 MLSC annual reports. SD3072  
WRTA,-- report. SD3073

Report of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2020 (received October 13, 2020);

BRTA,-- financial statements. SD3074

Report of the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2020 (received October 13, 2020);

FRTA,-- financial statements. SD3075

Report of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2020 (received October 13, 2020);

CATA,-- financial statements. SD3076

Report of the Cape Ann Transportation Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2020 (received October 13, 2020);

PVTA,-- financial statements. SD3077

Report of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (pursuant to Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2020 (received October 13, 2020); and

Health Equity Task Force,-- Covid 19. SD3081

Report of the Health Equity Task Force (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) to study and make recommendations to the General Court that address health disparities for underserved or underrepresented populations during the COVID-19 pandemic (received October 15, 2020).

Petition.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to Turco establish a sick leave bank for Kara Turco, an employee of the Middlesex County Sherriff's Department;

Kara Turco,-- sick leave. SD3080

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5046) of Alyson M. Sullivan and Michael D. Brady (by vote of the town) that the town of Whitman be authorized to repeal the motor vehicle fine revolving fund in said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Whitman,-- motor vehicle fund.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rush and Ms. Rausch) “congratulating Richard “Rick” P. Merson on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Public Works in the town of Needham”

Richard P. Merson.

*Report of Committee.*

Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules, reported that the following matter be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session:

The House Bill authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, No. 4830);

Nauset school district,-- renewable energy agreements.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing Michael Cheung to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4815,-- on petition),-- was read.

Michael Cheung,-- creditable service.

**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 Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Moulton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4981,-- on petition),-- was read.

Mary Moulton,-- sick leave.

**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 Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph Gatto, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department (House, No. 4999,-- on petition),-- was read.

Joseph Gatto,-- sick leave.

**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.**

*Moment of Silence.*

The Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Kathleen M. Harrington.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

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

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Kathleen M. Harrington*

The Senator from Essex, Ms. Lovely, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Kathleen M. Harrington of Salem.

Kathleen M. Harrington was the beloved and devoted wife of the late Kevin B. Harrington, with whom she shared 53 years of marriage.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, she was the sixth of seven children of the late Joseph E. and Catherine M. (Hanley) Carney. Due to the requirements of her father's job, she and her family moved frequently in her early years, living in Chicago, Dayton and Toledo, Ohio, and finally settling in St. Louis, Missouri.

It was there in 1951, as a freshman at St. Louis University, that Kathy met Kevin, the love of her life, who had come to the Midwest on a basketball scholarship. They both graduated in 1954 and were married the next year before heading east to his hometown of Salem to settle down and raise their family.

Her husband was soon elected to the Salem City Council and then to the Mass. State Senate, where he served for 20 years. Kathy was proud of his achievements, but she also realized, having been blessed with four of her five children by 1962, that it was difficult for the family to make ends meet on a legislator's salary. She began supplementing her husband's income by working part-time as a substitute teacher at Salem High School and as a Bell Telephone switchboard operator in downtown Salem.

She was then introduced to the real estate business by the late Marie Goggin. Her outgoing personality and financial acumen allowed her to thrive as a salesperson and broker, and when Marie passed away at a young age, she started and ran her own successful real estate firm for many years.

Although the rest of her family remained in the Midwest and she missed them terribly, over time Kathy grew to love New England, and especially living on the North Shore near the ocean. She soon developed a coterie of friends with whom she went boating and played tennis and golf for many years.

Above all, however, Kathy was devoted to the two pillars of her life: her family and her faith. She was inseparable from her husband and cherished her children, and spent her happiest times hosting family gatherings at her home in South Salem. She also developed enduring bonds with her twelve grandchildren, and was blessed in recent years with the birth of two great-grandchildren.

Kathy was a devout Catholic who was involved in many parish activities over the years at Immaculate Conception church, including teaching religious education (CCD), and was later a dedicated communicant at St. Anne's. She was also a member of the St. William's Guild while her sons attended St. John's Prep. She lived her faith, supporting numerous charitable organizations, and volunteering to help physically handicapped children with their disabilities.

She also served as a Eucharistic minister, bringing Holy Communion to those who could not attend Mass, was a dedicated teacher in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, contributed to the support of many Catholic schools, and was an active participant in local Bible studies classes.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters: Neil J. and his wife, Sarah, of Salem; Kevin B., Jr. of Falmouth; Ann M. and her husband, Eric Hundahl, of Salem; Maureen F. of Kittery Point, Maine; and Joan M. and her husband, Thomas O'Hare, of Salem. She also leaves one dear sister, Maureen Carney of Centerville, Ohio, her brother-in-law, Joseph Connolly, of St. Louis, and her sister-in-law, Barbara Carney of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was predeceased by three sisters: Virginia Smith, Jean Early, and Eileen Connolly; and two brothers, the Rev. James Carney, a missionary in Honduras, and John Patrick Carney.

In addition, Kathy will be deeply missed by her twelve grandchildren: Sarah M. (Ben) Goodhue of Beverly, Grace A. (Daniel) Napolitano of Salem, Maeve K. and Hugh M. Harrington of Salem; Lauren (Jake) Ruder of Holden, Lindsay Harrington of Boston, Kevin B. Harrington III of Chicago, and Robert Harrington of Worcester, and their mother, Linda; and Thomas, Molly, Charles and Caroline O'Hare of Salem. She was also the great-grandmother of Margaret Goodhue of Beverly and John Napolitano of Salem, and the loving aunt of 34 nieces and nephews.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Kathleen M. Harrington, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Tarr, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.