



City of Cambridge

89.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 1997

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This City Council was deeply saddened at learning of the death of **Denis L. McKenna**, retired state senator from Somerville on August 31, 1997; and

WHEREAS: Denis was born in Ireland; he was a long-time Somerville resident who attended Somerville public schools and later earned a law degree from New England School of Law; and

WHEREAS: Denis was an Army veteran of World War II, where he served in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS: Denis served as a member of the Somerville Board of Alderman for six years, and was elected to the Massachusetts Senate in 1961, where he served until his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his career, Denis was known as a legislator who was never afraid to say what he thought and who fought hard for his goals; and

WHEREAS: Denis' passing will leave a void in the lives of all of his surviving friends and family, his wife Ann; his daughters Denise Sestito and Maureen A. Keane; his sons Michael D. and Brian P.; his sisters Noreen Ketterer and Mary Amiro; Eugene Courtney; his nine grandchildren; his nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS: Denis will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of **Denis L. McKenna** at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the McKenna family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 8, 1997.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Denis McKenna; as state senator, represented Somerville 23 years

Denis L. McKenna, a retired state senator from Somerville, died Sunday of a heart attack in Wolfeboro, N.H. He was 75.

Born in Ireland, Mr. McKenna served in the Massachusetts Senate from 1961 to 1984. At the time of his retirement he was Senate chairman of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government Regulations.

He had previously been chairman of the Committee for Counties and of the Urban Affairs Committee, and was a longtime member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Throughout his career, Mr. McKenna was known as a pugnacious legislator unafraid to speak his mind on the issues of the day. A Democrat, he opposed stiffening penalties for drunken driving and once single-handedly held up horse racing legislation because he believed it was unfair to dog-racing interests.

"Sen. McKenna was known as a fearless debater and over the years was involved in many powerful debates on major issues," said a citation issued to Mr. McKenna by Senate President William Bulger upon Mr. McKenna's Senate retirement.

"On matters involving the elderly, programs for senior citizens, public utilities and consumer legislation, Sen. McKenna was in the forefront," the citation said.

A longtime resident of Somerville, Mr. McKenna attended Somerville public schools and later earned a law degree from New England School of Law.

Mr. McKenna was a member of the Somerville Board of Alderman for six years before he was elected to the Senate in 1960.

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1983 FILE PHOTO

DENIS L. McKENNA

For 20 years, Mr. McKenna was the legal partner of Ralph Champa. He went on to practice on his own in 1988 and retired from the law in 1992.

Mr. McKenna leaves his wife, Ann (Bryson); two daughters, Maureen Keane of Quincy and Denise Sestito of North Andover; two sons, Michael D. and Brian P., both of Somerville; two sisters, Noreen Ketterer of Bronx, N.Y., and Mary Amiro of Somerville; a brother, Eugene Courtney of Somerville; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph's Church in Somerville. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Weather | Wednesday, Sep

TODAY



Showers ending with noticeably cooler temperatures. Some sunshine is possible this afternoon,

along with a shower. A northwest wind 20-25 m.p.h. Highs 70-75. Slow clearing tonight. Continued breezy. Lows 45 to around 50.

TOMORROW



Continued cool under a partly sunny sky. Mostly sunny in the morning. A north-west wind 10-15

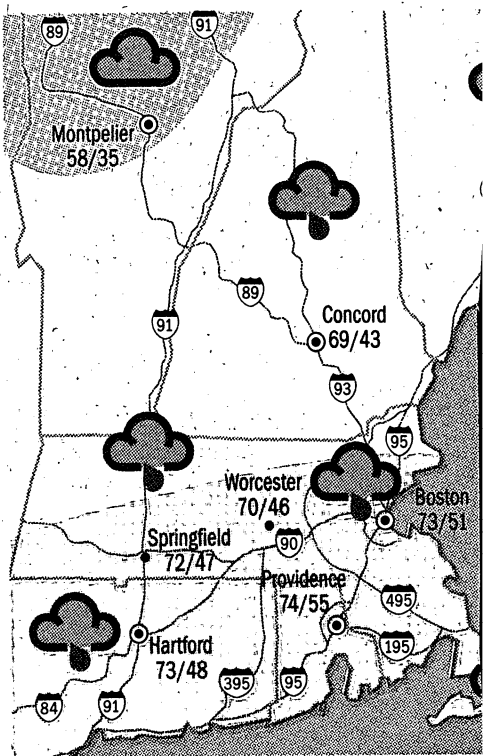
m.p.h. Highs mainly in the 60s. Clear and chilly at night. Lows in the 40s in the suburbs to near 50 in Boston.

FRIDAY



Bright sunshine and continued unseasonably cool. A few afternoon fair-weather clouds are possible.

Highs, after starting the day chilly, will rebound into the 60s to 70. Clear and continued cool at night. Comfortable sleeping conditions. Lows in the 50s.



EXTENDED FORECAST

Boston and Vicinity:

High pressure will provide splendid conditions for the weekend. A slight warming trend is also likely. Highs mainly in the 70s with lows at night 55-60. Sunny and warmer on Monday.

New England:

Showers are possible in otherwise partly to mostly clear. Continued cool with highs near 70 south. Clear and sunny in six-state region on Saturday to the 70s south. Sunny

NATIONAL CITIES FORECAST

City	Today			Outlook	Tomorrow			Outlook
	Hi	Lo			Hi	Lo		
Albany	67	44		shwrs	63	44		pcldy
Albuquerque	88	62		tstms	82	57		tstms
Anchorage	64	45		sunny	61	43		pcldy
Atlanta	91	68		tstms	81	65		tstms
Atlantic City	76	50		shwrs	68	45		pcldy
Baltimore	75	50		tstms	70	46		pcldy
Boise	91	59		pcldy	81	54		pcldy
Buffalo	62	47		shwrs	63	46		pcldy
Charleston SC	84	61		tstms	73	57		tstms
Charleston WV	73	47		shwrs	71	44		pcldy
Charlotte	86	57		tstms	72	50		pcldy
Chicago	66	48		pcldy	69	53		sunny
Cincinnati	73	47		pcldy	68	48		pcldy
Cleveland	66	46		cldy	63	46		pcldy
Dallas	89	70		tstms	82	63		cldy
Denver	81	57		pcldy	84	58		pcldy
Des Moines	67	47		pcldy	71	49		sunny
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						5		sunny

City	Today			Outlook
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Las Vegas	95	78		pcldy
Los Angeles	83	67		pcldy
Memphis	85	60		tstms
Miami	91	77		tstms
Milwaukee	63	47		pcldy
Minneapolis	69	47		pcldy
New Orleans	89	67		tstms
New York City	75	55		shwrs
Oklahoma City	85	60		tstms
Orlando	86	70		tstms
Philadelphia	74	54		shwrs
Phoenix	101	77		pcldy
Pittsburgh	67	47		shwrs
Raleigh	85	55		tstms
Sacramento	93	58		pcldy
Salt Lake City	89	64		pcldy
San Diego	78	66		pcldy
San Francisco	73	57		pcldy
Seattle	78	63		pcldy
St. Louis	73	53		pcldy
Tampa	91	74		tstms
Tucson	98	74		pcldy
Washington	79	63		tstms

TRAVELERS' FORECAST

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Of Somerville, August 31, 1997, Denis L., Retired State Senator. Beloved husband of Ann (Bryson). Loving father of Denise Sestito of North Andover, Maureen A. Keane of Quincy, Michael D. and Brian P. McKenna, both of Somerville. Brother of Noreen Ketterer of NY, Mary Amiro and Eugene Courtney, both of Somerville. Also survived by nine grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, (Powderhouse Sq.), SOMERVILLE, on Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. Followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Union Square, Somerville, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends invited. Calling hours Tuesday 7-9, Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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Councillors Sullivan, Toomey and
entire membership re: Resolution
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ORDER ADOPTED