



# COMMITTEE REPORT

Hearing  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall  
St. Thomas, VI

**PURPOSE:** To consider Bill Nos. 31-0014, 31-0039 and 31-0036

**ROLL CALL:** **Members Present:** The Honorable Myron Jackson, Vice Chairman, The Honorable Neville James, Senate President, The Honorable Tregenza Roach, The Honorable Sammuell Sanes, The Honorable Janette Millin Young and The Honorable Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (6) **Member Absent:** The Honorable Terrence Nelson (1) **Non-Members Present:** The Honorable Clifford Graham and The Honorable Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly (2)

Chairman Justin Harrigan, Sr. called the meeting to order and stated its purpose. The hearing proceeded according to the agenda with testimony on **Bill No. 31-0014** by Director Designee Nellon Bowry, Office of Management and Budget and Mr. Steven van Beverhoudt, Inspector General, Office of the Virgin Islands Inspector General. Testimonies were followed by a round of questioning by all Senators present. Bowry and van Beverhoudt were thanked for their participation and excused. Then, Senator Sammuell Sanes made a motion to hold the Bill which was properly moved, seconded and voted upon favorably.

**ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0014:** **HELD**

**VOTE ON MOTION TO HOLD BILL NO. 31-0014:** **YEA:** The Honorable Myron Jackson, Vice Chairman, The Honorable Neville James, Senate President, The Honorable Tregenza Roach, The Honorable Sammuell Sanes, The Honorable Janette Millin Young and The Honorable Justin Harrigan, Sr. (6) **ABSENT:** The Honorable Terrence Nelson (1)

Next, Sponsor of **Bill No. 31-0039**, Sammuell Sanes made a motion to hold the Bill which was properly moved, seconded and voted upon favorably.

**ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0039:** **HELD**

**VOTE ON MOTION TO HOLD BILL NO. 31-0039:** **YEA:** The Honorable Myron Jackson, Vice Chairman, The Honorable Neville James, Senate President, The Honorable Tregenza Roach, The Honorable Sammuell Sanes, The Honorable Janette Millin Young and The Honorable Justin Harrigan, Sr. (6) **ABSENT:** The Honorable Terrence Nelson (1)

Later, the Committee received testimony on **Bill No. 31-0036** from Mr. Howard Forbes, Sr., Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources' Division of Environmental Enforcement. He was accompanied by Assistant Director Jessica Parris. Testimony was followed by a round of questioning by all Senators present. Forbes and Parris were thanked for their participation and excused. Then, Senator Sammuel Sanes made a motion to vote favorably on the Bill and forward to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary. The motion was properly moved, seconded and voted upon. With no majority vote, the Bill failed.

**ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0036: **FAILED****

**VOTE ON BILL NO. 31-0036:** **YEA:** The Honorable Neville James, Senate President and The Honorable Sammuel Sanes (2) **NAY:** The Honorable Janette Millin Young and The Honorable Justin Harrigan, Sr., (2) **ABSENT:** The Honorable Terrence Nelson (1) **ABSTAINED:** The Honorable Tregenza Roach (1)

Chairman Justin Harrigan, Sr. made closing remarks and adjourned the Committee on Government Services, Consumer and Veterans Affairs.

*All testimonies and relevant hearing documents are available on LVI's network drive (U:).*