



Legislature of the Virgin Islands
**Committee on Government Services,
Consumer and Veterans affairs**
Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. - Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2015
9:35 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
St. Croix, VI

PURPOSE: To consider Bill Nos. 31-0026, 31-0155, 31-0157 and 31-0163

ROLL CALL: **Members Present:** Senator Terrence Nelson, Senator Tregenza Roach, Senator Sammuell Sanes and Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (4) **Members Absent:** (Excused) Senator Myron Jackson, Vice Chairman, Senator Neville James, President and Senator Janette Millin Young (3) **Non-Member Present:** Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly (1)

Chairman Justin Harrigan, Sr. called the meeting to order and stated its purpose. The meeting proceeded with testimony on **Bill No. 31-0026** by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs's Commissioner Devin Carrington who was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner and Administrator of Boards and Commissions, Nathalie Hodge. In addition, testimony was heard from Ms. Ana G. Foster, CEO of Netwave Unlimited Services and Mr. Joseph Noel, Project and Operations Manager of Broadband VI. Testimonies were followed by two rounds of questioning by all Senators present. Testifiers were thanked for their participation and excused. Senator Sammuell Sanes made a motion to vote favorably upon the bill and forward to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration. The motion was properly moved, seconded and voted upon. With four 'yea' majority votes, the bill passed.

ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0026: **PASSED**

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON AND FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY BILL NO. 31-0026:

YEA: Senator Terrence Nelson, Senator Tregenza Roach, Senator Sammuell Sanes and Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (4)

ABSENT: Senator Myron Jackson, Senator Neville James, President and Senator Janette Millin Young (3)

Next, the Committee received testimony on **Bill No. 31-0155** from Director Patrick Farrell, VI Office of Veterans Affairs and Acting Director Sean L. Krigger, VI State Historic Preservation Office. Testimony was followed by two rounds of questioning by all Senators present. Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr. made a motion to vote favorably upon the bill and forward to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration. The motion was properly moved, seconded and voted upon. With four 'yea' votes, the bill passed. Testifiers were thanked for their participation and excused.

ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0155: PASSED

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON AND FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY BILL NO. 31-0155:

YEA: Senator Terrence Nelson, Senator Tregenza Roach, Senator Sammuell Sanes and Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (4)

ABSENT: Senator Myron Jackson, Senator Neville James, President and Senator Janette Millin Young (3)

Later, the Committee received testimony on **Bill No. 31-0157** from Commissioner Gustav James, Department of Public Works and Lt. Joseph Platt, Traffic Bureau Commander, VI Police Department. Chairman Harrigan then allowed the Clerk to read onto the record testimony prepared by Commissioner Valdamier Collens, Department of Finance. Testimonies were followed by two rounds of questioning by all Senator present. Testifiers were thanked for their participation and Commissioner Collens was excused. Senator Tregenza Roach made a motion to amend bill with Amendment No. 31-707, which was properly moved, seconded and with no objections, so ordered. Roach made another motion to amend bill with a technical amendment to delete the word “and” in line 3 and insert the phrase “which shall be” before the word disbursed. The motion was properly moved, seconded and with no objections, so ordered. In addition, Roach made a motion to vote favorably upon the bill as amended and forward to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration. The motion was properly moved, seconded and voted upon. With four ‘yea’ majority votes, the bill passed.

ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0157: PASSED

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND BILL NO. 31-0157 WITH AMENDMENT NO. 31-707: SO ORDERED

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND BILL NO. 31-0157 WITH TECHNICAL AMENDMENT: SO ORDERED

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON AND FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY BILL NO. 31-0157:

YEA: Senator Terrence Nelson, Senator Tregenza Roach, Senator Sammuell Sanes and Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (4)

ABSENT: Senator Myron Jackson, Senator Neville James, President and Senator Janette Millin Young (3)

Lastly, testimony on **Bill No. 31-0163** from Commissioner Gustav James, Department of Public Works and Lt. Joseph Platt, Traffic Bureau Commander, VI Police Department was received by the Committee. Testimony was followed by a round of questioning by all Senators present. Testifiers were thanked for their participation and excused. Senator Tregenza Roach made a motion to vote favorably upon the bill and forward to the Committee on Rules and Judiciary for further consideration. The motion was properly moved, seconded and voted upon. With four ‘yea’ majority votes, the bill passed.

ACTION TAKEN ON BILL NO. 31-0163: PASSED

VOTE ON MOTION TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON AND FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY BILL NO. 31-0163:

YEA: Senator Terrence Nelson, Senator Tregenza Roach, Senator Sammuel Sanes and Senator Justin Harrigan, Sr., Chairman (4)

ABSENT: Senator Myron Jackson, Senator Neville James, President and Senator Janette Millin Young (3)

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

All testimonies and relevant meeting documents are available on the 31st Legislature Committees drive (U:).