33rd Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Senate Calendar

Monday February 17, 2020

HOLIDAY – PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Tuesday February 18, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Committee: Finance

Chair: Senator Kurt A. Vialet
Vice-Chair: Senator Marvin A. Blyden

Location: Virgin Islands Cardiac Center Juan F. Luis Hospital
St. Croix

Agenda

The Committee on Finance has scheduled a meeting to consider the following bills

BR#-20-1008 - An Act amending Act No. 8245 by amending appropriations made for the operation of the Department of Justice during Fiscal Year October 1, 2019 to September 20, 2020 for the purpose of establishing a white-collar unit. Sponsored by Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Denise George, Esq. Honorable Jenifer O’Neal
Attorney General Director
Department of Justice Office of Management & Budget

BR#-19-0807 - An Act amending Title 9, chapter 25 and Title 29, chapter 12 of the Virgin Islands Code to clarify hiring requirements for the International Financial Service Entities. Sponsored by Senator Kurt A. Vialet

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Erika A. Kellerhals Mr. Kamal I. Latham, MPP
Member Chief Executive Officer
Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin PLLC VI Economic Development Authority

Mr. Michael J. Allietta
President
International Private Bank
BR#-20-1021 - Lease by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement and Caledonia Communication Corporation for the premises described as: Building No. 3, Section C, Remainder Matricular 24C Estate Recovery Hill, Company Quarter, St. Croix, United States, Virgin Islands. Sponsored by Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

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Wednesday  
February 19, 2020  
RESERVED FOR CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Thursday  
February 20, 2020  
Time: 10:00 AM  

Chairperson: Senator Alicia V. Barnes  
Vice-Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall  
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Government Operations, Consumer Affairs, Energy, Environment and Planning has scheduled a meeting to receive testimony, consider the following bills and to receive a status update on the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan.

Block I 10:00 AM


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Dr. Wilbert Callender  
Chairman  
Government Employees’ Retirement System Board
Bill No. 33-0250 - An Act amending title 3, chapter 9, section 134a, subsection (b) of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to the duties of the Department of Public Works, Division of Capital Improvement in administering and coordinating capital improvement projects, to require that a Front End Engineering and Design is completed for each capital improvement project of the various departments and agencies of the Government of the Virgin Islands before the procurement of engineering and construction services. Sponsored by Senators Alicia V. Barnes and Steven D. Payne, Sr.

Invited Testifiers:

**Honorable Nelson Petty, Jr.**
Commissioner
Department of Public Works

**Honorable Anthony D. Thomas**
Commissioner
Department of Property and Procurement

Block II 1:30 PM

Status update on the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan:

Invited Testifiers:

**Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol**
Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources

**Ms. Gwen-Marie Moolenaar, PhD**
President
League of Women Voters

**Mr. Sebastiano Paiewonsky-Cassinelli**
President
St. Thomas Chamber of Commerce

**Mr. Ryan Nelthropp**
President
St. Croix Chamber of Commerce

**Ms. Lana Homnick-Lee**
President
St. Croix Board of Realtors

**Mr. Dan Boudreau**
President
St. John Board of Realtors

**Mr. Scott Newland**
President
St. Thomas Board of Realtors

**Ms. Gail Bourdon**
President
Virgin Islands Territorial Associations of Realtors

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Friday February 21, 2020

RESERVED FOR CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Monday February 24, 2020

RESERVED FOR CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Tuesday February 25, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Committee: Economic Development, Regulations and Agriculture
Chairperson: Senator Allison L. DeGazon
Vice-Chair: Senator Athneil “Bobby” Thomas

Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Economic Development, Regulations and Agriculture has scheduled a meeting to consider the following bills as well as to obtain an update from the Department of Agriculture.

Block I: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

**Bill No. 33-0229** - An act amending title 3, chapter 17, section 291 of the Virgin Islands Code by replacing supervision and control of existing water catchment areas under the Department of Agriculture to be used for agricultural purposes; and amending title 30, chapter 3, subchapter II, section 66 of the Virgin Islands Code, by relieving the Commissioner of Health from the responsibility for protection of water catchment areas and placing the responsibility upon the Commissioner of Agriculture. **Sponsored by Senator Dwayne DeGraff**

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Block II: 1:00PM – 3:00PM

**Bill No. 33-0249** – An Act amending title 7, Chapter 9, section 9 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new paragraph mandating the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Tourism shall host an Agricultural symposium known as the V.I Agricultural Caribbean Symposium, alternately and annually on the islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John **Sponsored by Senators Javan E. James Sr., and Allison L. DeGazon**

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Robert W. Godfrey, Ph.D.
Associate Director/Research Professor
University of the Virgin Islands

Block III: 3:00PM – 5:00PM

Status update on the Department of Agriculture operations

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Wednesday February 26, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM
Committee: Regular Session
Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Call to Order: Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
President

Invocation:

Anthem: National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

Roll Call: Honorable Senator Alicia V. Barnes
Legislative Secretary

Agenda to Follow

Thursday February 27, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM
Committee: Rules and Judiciary
Chair: Senator Janelle K. Sarauw
Vice-Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Location: Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas

Agenda

The Committee on Rules & Judiciary will meet to receive testimony and consider nominees and Bills.

BLOCK I: 9:00 AM –10:15 AM

Mr. Enrique Rodriguez
Nominee
Virgin Islands Historic Preservation Commission STT/STJ

Ms. Pamela Montegut
Nominee
Virgin Islands Historic Preservation Commission
ST. Thomas/ST. John District
BLOCK II: 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Ms. Dina Perry-Malone
Nominee
Virgin Islands Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
ST. Thomas/ST. John District

Dr. Noreen Michael, Ph.D.
Nominee
Virgin Islands Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
ST. Thomas/ST. John District

BLOCK III: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Judge Robert A. Molloy
Judge, Superior Court of the Virgin Islands
Nominee St. Croix District

LUNCH 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

BLOCK IV: 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Bill No. 33-0137 - An Act authorizing the Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research, the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, and the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority to create a plan to assist the U.S. Virgin Islands in developing a sustainable blue economy within the Territory. Sponsored by Senator Allison L. DeGazon

Bill No. 33-0037 - An Act requiring the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (“DPNR”) to identify and rehabilitate five (5) existing ponds in the St. Croix District and two (2) existing ponds in the St. Thomas District to capture stormwater runoff to be used primarily by farmers, allowing DPNR to seek assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and requiring that DPNR maintain the rehabilitated ponds. Sponsored by Senator Allison L. DeGazon; Co-Sponsored by Steven D. Payne, Sr.

Friday February 28, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Chair: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.
Vice-Chair: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Location: TBA

Call to Order: Honorable Senate President Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Agenda to Follow