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TO: Honorable Ray Fonseca, *Vice-Chair*
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FROM: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

DATED: April 29, 2024

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature’s Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for **10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, on St. Croix.** The Committee is expected to receive testimony on several bills.

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Bill 35-0248 - A Resolution petitioning United States Congress to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to authorize the people of the Virgin Islands to elect the Attorney General of the Virgin Islands.
Sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Gordon Rhea	Attorney General Nominee	V.I. Department of Justice
Julie Smith-Todman	Chief Public Defender	OTPD
Marjorie Whalen	President	V.I. Bar Association

LUNCH – 12:30 p.m.

BLOCK II – 1:30p.m.

Bill 35-0238 - An Act to confer peace officer status on qualified enforcement officers employed by the Government Employees Retirement System of the Virgin Islands.

Sponsored by Senators Milton E. Potter and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Angel L. Dawson, Jr.	Administrator	Government Employee Retirement System

BLOCK III – 2:30 p.m.

Bill 35-0215 - An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 457, subsection (a), paragraph (3), relating to the contents of a firearm license to change the statement in the license increasing the term of the license from three years to five years.

Sponsored by Senator Milton E. Potter.

Invited Testifiers:

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department

Bill 35-0243 - An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 470 to require individuals to obtain permission from the Commissioner of the Virgin Islands Police Department before purchasing firearm components that will be mailed or shipped to the Virgin Islands.

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Gordon Rhea	Attorney General Nominee	V.I. Department of Justice
Eric Oram	Postal Inspector	United States Postal Service
Levi MacSheen	Firearms Dealer	Star Time Firearms

Bill No 35-0250 – An Act amending title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, by adding section 454b banning assault rifles in the Virgin Islands.

Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff.

Testifiers	Title	Department/Agency
Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	V.I. Police Department
Gordon Rhea	Attorney General Nominee	V.I. Department of Justice
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cc: All Senators
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