



TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 19, 2023  
10:00 A.M.



EARLE B. OTTLEY  
LEGISLATIVE HALL  
ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS



## **REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA - REVISED III**

**Time:** 10:00 A.M.

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

**Invocation:** Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr.  
Chaplain, 35<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**Anthems:** National Anthem and Virgin Islands March

**Roll Call:** Honorable Carla J. Joseph  
Legislative Secretary

### **Messages and/or Correspondences**

**Committee Reports:** Chairperson of Standing Committees

### **Special Orders/Overrides:**

**Special Orders:** **Bill Nos. 35-0159, 35-0187, 35-0217, 35-0220, 35-0221**

**Overrides:** **Bill No. 35-0014 (15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**  
**Bill No. 35-0202 (9 YEAS/3 NAYS/3 NV - Failed)**

### **CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:**

#### **(BLOCK I - 2-MINUTE DEBATE TIME)**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS**

##### **H. Nathalie Hodge**

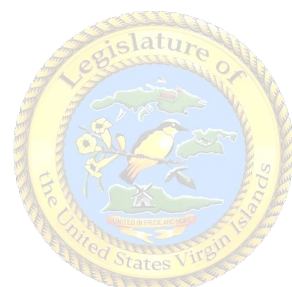
Commissioner, V.I. Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

##### **Dr. Louis E. Petersen, Jr.**

Commissioner, V.I. Department of Agriculture  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

##### **Kevin McCurdy**

Commissioner, V.I. Department of Finance  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**



**Bert Petersen, Jr., M.D.**

University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Donna M. Christensen, M.D.**

University of the Virgin Islands Board of Trustees

**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**(BLOCK II - 2-MINUTE DEBATE TIME)**

**CONSIDERATION OF ZONINGS**

**Bill No. [35-0189](#)** An Act granting a zoning variance from the R-1 (Residential-Low Density) zoning designation for Plot No. 9A and Parcel No. 10 Estate Grange, Company Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to allow for office and event rental; solar and wind energy development, research and testing of technology; agricultural production and sales; and short-term rentals **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0192](#)** An Act amending Official Zoning Map No. SCZ-18, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to allow for the rezoning of Plot Nos. 19 and 20 Prince Street, Town of Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and Plot Nos. 50, 51 and 52 Hospital Street, Frederiksted Town, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from R-4 (Residential-Medium Density) to R-3 (Residential-Medium Density) **(14 YEAS/1 NAY - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

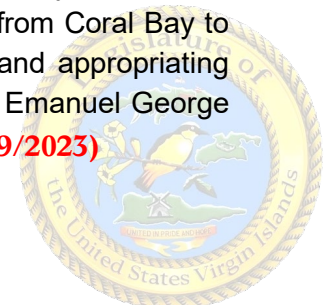
**Bill No. [35-0214](#)** An Act granting a zoning use variance for Plot No. 246 Estate Glynn, Queen Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, from the A-2 (Agricultural Zone) to allow for the construction and operation of a guesthouse under a grouped development with no prohibition on short-term rental usage **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**(BLOCK III - 2-MINUTE DEBATE TIME)**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Bill No. [35-0102](#)** An Act honoring and commending Ralph A. deChabert, M.D. for outstanding contributions in the medical field to the people of the Virgin Islands and his many civic contributions to the community, especially to the island of St. Croix and to name the Labor and Delivery/Post Partum Unit "Maternity Services" at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center North in his honor **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0109](#)** An Act honoring and commending the late Corporal Kendall Emanuel George posthumously for his service as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and for making the ultimate sacrifice to preserve democracy and to keep America and his Virgin Islands homeland safe; naming Route 107 from Coral Bay to Lameshur Bay, St. John "Kendall Emanuel George Drive" South and appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for signage at Kendall Emanuel George Drive; and for other related purposes **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**



**Bill No. [35-0123](#)** An Act to commission and direct the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts to construct and erect a bronze bust of Dr. Alfred O. Heath to be placed next to those of Edith L. Williams, J. Antonio Jarvis and Rothschild Francis in Education Park on the island of St. Thomas, and for other purposes **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0125](#)** An Act honoring and commending the late Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke posthumously for his dedication, service, and contributions to the Virgin Islands community in law enforcement by adding the name, "Police Lieutenant Melbourne Clarke Drive", at Route 669 on the island of St. Croix  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**(BLOCK IV - 3-MINUTE DEBATE TIME)**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**Bill No. [35-0013](#)** An Act amending title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 35, relating to the issuance of operators' licenses and identification cards to allow applicants to obtain limited local-purpose identification cards and operators' licenses without providing certain federally required documentation  
**(14 YEAS/1 NAY - Approved as Amended by 35-597 - 12/19/2023)**

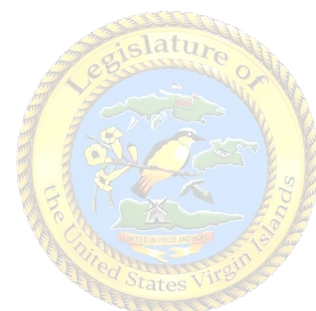
**Bill No. [35-0045](#)** An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 407 relating to eligibility for parole release by adding section 4607 to establish Medical Parole Release, Geriatric Parole Release, and Non-Medical Geriatric Parole Release, and for other related purposes  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0084](#)** An Act amending title 11, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 1213 to allow businesses operating under a trade name to have the option of renewing the trade name every 2, 6, or 10 years **(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0086](#)** An Act amending Title 3, V.I.C., chapter 1, section 10h to require background checks for all IT personnel and employees of the Bureau of Information Technology, agencies that have data centers, and any employee who handles confidential information  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0099](#)** An Act amending title 28, chapter 23, of the Virgin Islands Code relating to the foreclosure of Liens Upon Real Property  
**(15 YEAS - Approved as Amended by 35-599 - 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0119](#)** An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code by adding a chapter 7A directing the Department of Health to develop and approve Mobile Integrated Healthcare Programs  
**(15 YEAS - Approved - 12/19/2023)**



**Bill No. [35-0127](#)** An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 89 relating to the invasion of privacy of accident and crime victims by first Responders **(15 YEAS – Approved as Amended by 35-600, 35-503 – 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0131](#)** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15 to establish a “Real Time Crime Center” Centralized Data System, within the Virgin Islands Police Department **(15 YEAS – Approved as Amended by 35-630 – 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. 35-0221** An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 18, subchapter I, removing the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation’s responsibility for housing activities and eliminating inapplicable provisions relating to housing matters of the former Department of Housing, Parks and Recreation and other related purposes **(15 YEAS – Approved – 12/19/2023)**

**Bill No. [35-0217](#)** A Resolution honoring and commending the St. Croix Majorettes for its outstanding fifty years of commitment to nurturing youth, enriching community service, advancing the art and sport of baton twirling, and for its invaluable contributions to the cultural and social fabric of St. Croix **(15 YEAS – Approved as Amended by 35-604 – 12/19/2023)**

**(BLOCK V – 3-MINUTE DEBATE TIME)**

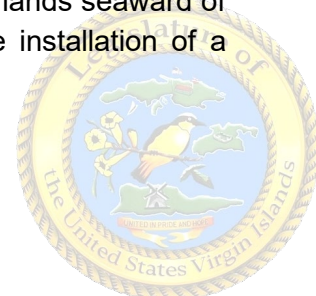
**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**Bill No. [35-0173](#)** An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 201, by adding a subchapter V enacting the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment, for the parents of the newborn infant to remain anonymous if they choose and avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinquishing the newborn infant

**Bill No. [35-0175](#)** An Act amending Title 23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11, relating to emergency communications during an emergency and major disasters by adding a subchapter II establishing an Auxiliary Communications Unit within the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and providing an auxiliary communications resource to any department agency and autonomous or semiautonomous instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands

**Bill No. [35-0194](#)** An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a) requiring the Commissioner of Education to hire a School Nurse Supervisor per district and School Health Technicians for every public school in the Territory

**Bill No. [35-0199](#)** An Act ratifying the Governor’s approval of Minor Coastal Zone Permit No. CZX-22-22W issued to Joel Ureta for the use and occupancy of submerged lands seaward of Heathen Cove, Chenay Bay, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and for the installation of a recreational buoy with a mooring



- Bill No. [35-0210](#)** An Act appropriating \$2,500,000 for the purchase of Plot Nos. 53A, 53B, 54A & 54B Kronprindsens Gade, Crown Prince Quarter, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, by and between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through the Department of Property and Procurement, and Conroy H. Watt and Kenneth I. Sweeney
- Bill No. [35-0219](#)** An Act changing the date for commencing the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands to January 22, 2024
- Bill No. [35-0220](#)** An Act for developing and producing an annual U.S. Virgin Islands Music Festival
- Bill No. [35-0187](#)** An Act amending title 19, part V, chapter 45, by adding subchapter XI, titled Extreme Risk Protection Orders, to allow a family or household member, law enforcement officer, healthcare worker, educator or co-worker to intervene and file a court petition to temporarily confiscate and ban a person's access to guns for one year if that person is deemed to be a risk to themselves or others
- Bill No. [35-0159](#)** An Act providing a lump-sum appropriation from the Indirect Cost Fund to the Office of Management and Budget, the Virgin Islands Division of Personnel, the Virgin Islands Department of Property and Procurement and the Virgin Islands Department of Finance for operating expenses for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024 (non-germane amendments)

