



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
REVISED SENATE CALENDAR
November 06, 2023 – November 17, 2023

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 06, 2023**

CHAIR: SENATOR MILTON E. POTTER
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART

**Committee on Disaster Recovery,
Infrastructure and Planning**
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning has scheduled a meeting for **Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas** to consider the following:

The committee will meet to receive an update on and discuss the current status of the Virgin Islands' disaster recovery efforts, specifically those relating to the Virgin Islands Department of Education and the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority. Topics to be discussed include but are not limited to: planned, in-process, and completed projects; the status of all federal and local funding identified for the agencies' projects, as well as any impediments with respect to the agencies' role in the territory's disaster recovery efforts.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, VI Department of Education
Ms. Dayna Clendinen, Interim CEO, VI Housing Finance Authority
Mrs. Adrienne Williams-Octalien, Director, VI Office of Disaster Recovery

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 07, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**

**Committee on Budget, Appropriations,
and Finance**

9:00 A.M.

Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall

The 35th Legislature's Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

BLOCK I

Bill No. [35-0180](#) An Act appropriating \$5,124,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund in fiscal year September 30, 2024, for the construction and site improvements of the Paul E. Joseph Stadium Project and requiring the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works to submit status reports of the project to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration, V.I. Public Finance Authority

Mr. John Wessel, Owner, GEC, LLC

Ms. Jenifer C. O'Neal, Director, Office of Management and Budget

BLOCK II

Bill No. [35-0191](#) An Act appropriating the sum of \$17,000,000.00 or so much of that sum as is necessary, in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the excess of funds contained in the Debt Service Reserve Fund for the Gross Receipts Taxes Revenue Bonds to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the dredging of the Charlotte Amalie Harbor and establishing reporting requirements for the expended funds.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Nathan Simmonds, Director of Finance and Administration, V.I. Public Finance Authority

Mr. Anthony A. Ottley, President & Chief Executive Officer, The West Indian Company Limited

Honorable Jean-Pierre Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning & Natural Resources

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority

BLOCK III

Bill No. [35-0190](#) An Act to appropriate \$350,000 from the St. Croix Capital Improvement Fund to provide bottled drinking water to persons residing in the areas identified by the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as most impacted by elevated levels of copper and lead in the potable water system.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Jenifer O’Neal, Director, V.I. Office of Management and Budget

Honorable Justa “Tita” Encarnacion, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Health

Mr. Daryl Jaschen, Director, VITEMA

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 08, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 09, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR KENNETH L. GITTENS
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR RAY FONSECA**

**Committee on Homeland Security,
Justice, & Public Safety**

10:00 A.M.

Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room

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., Thursday, November 9, 2023, in the Cleone H. Creque Legislative Conference Room on St. John. This is an in-person hearing.

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M.

Bill [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 semi-autonomous instrumentality of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Reynaldo Bess, President, St. Croix Amateur Radio Club
Mr. Fred Kleber, Manager, American Radio Relay League
Mr. Reynold St. Louis, Retired 1SG, Virgin Islands National Guard
Ms. Celia Kalousek, Board Member, Voluntary Org Active in Disaster
Mr. Steve Deblasio, Assistant Director, VITEMA

Bill [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.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology
Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department
Mr. Steve Deblasio, Assistant Director, VITEMA
Mr. Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, V.I. Port Authority
Mr. Andrew Smith, CEO, V. I. Water and Power Authority
Ms. Regina Petersen, Administrator, V.I. Judiciary
Mrs. Kurell Sheridan, Executive Director, V.I. Legislature
Ms. Cindy Richardson, Director, Division of Personnel

Bill [35-0131](#)

An Act amending Title 3 V.I.C., Ch. 15 to establish a “Real Crime Center, Centralized Crime Data System within the Virgin Islands Police Department”.

BLOCK II

2:00 P.M.

Public Safety Update: This update intends to provide an overview of public safety and security on the island of St. John. Officials and community members have been invited to provide testimony in order to facilitate a constructive and collaborative discussion in light of recent criminal activity reported in St. John.

Invited Testifiers:
Honorable Ray Martinez, Commissioner, V.I. Police Department
Mr. Bob Malacarne, President, St. John Rescue

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

Holiday

**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

OFFICE OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

Reserved

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR MARISE C. JAMES
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR DONNA A. FRETT-GREGORY**

**Committee on Education
and Workforce Development
10:00 A.M.**

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**CHAIR: SENATOR ANGEL L. BOLQUES, JR.
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN**

**Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging,
Sports, and Parks
10:00 A.M.**

Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room
