



35th Legislature of the Virgin Islands
SENATE CALENDAR
October 14, 2024 – October 25, 2024

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2024

VI/PR FRIENDSHIP DAY
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Holiday

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 15, 2024

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

Committee on Budget,
Appropriations and Finance
9:30 A.M.
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 16, 2024

PRESIDENT: SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
VICE PRESIDENT: SENATOR MARVIN A. BLYDEN

Committee of the Whole/Regular Session
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Otley Legislative Hall

REGULAR SESSION - OFFICIAL AGENDA

Time: 10:00 A.M.

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

Invocation: Reverend Charles L. Brown, Jr.
Chaplain, 35th 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

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will dissolve from **Legislative Session** and convene into **The Committee of the Whole** to discuss the following:

Bill No. [35-0340](#) An Act renewing and extending the state of emergency in the Virgin Islands based on the power and energy crisis for an additional 60 days from September 20, 2024, through November 19, 2024

Invited Testifiers:

Karl Knight, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, VI Water and Power Authority

Hubert Turnbull, Chairman, VI Water and Power Authority Governing Board

Honorable Kevin McCurdy, Commissioner, VI Department of Finance

Bill Request No. 24-1293 An Act to allow the operation of casinos on cruise ships while docked in St. Croix, Virgin Islands

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte, Commissioner, VI Department of Tourism

Carlton Dowe, Executive Director, VI Port Authority

Marvin Pickering, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, VI Casino Control Commission

The **Thirty-Fifth Legislature** will then dissolve from **The Committee of the Whole** and reconvene into **Legislative Session** to consider the following:

SPECIAL ORDERS/OVERRIDES:

CONSIDERATION OF FLOOR AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF LEASES

Bill No. [35-0300](#) An Act approving a lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Advance Power, LLC, for three portions of Parcel 1-A Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; two portions of Parcel No.1 A-8 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; a portion of Parcel No. 1A-7 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; a portion of Parcel No. 1-21 Estate Bovoni Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; two portions of Remainder of Parcel 1-19 Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and a portion of Parcel No. 1-18 Estate Bovoni, Nos. 1 and 2 Frenchman's Bay Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining wind turbine generators, offices, metering, maintenance sheds, access roads, utility substations as part of a microgrid on St. Thomas and other related purposes

Bill No. [35-0320](#) An Act approving a lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands, acting through its Commissioner of the Department of Property and Procurement, and Advance Power, LLC, for two portions of Parcel No. 1 and Remainder 39-A and 49 Estate Cassava Garden, Queen's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, six portions of Remainder Matriculate 38 Estate Pearl, Queen's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Remainder Matriculate 51 and 43 Queen's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Remainder Parcel No. 1 Estate Barron Spot, Queens's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, two portions of Parcel No. 11 Estate Pearl, Queen's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and six portions of Plot No. 2 Estate Humbug, Queen's Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining wind turbine generators, maintenance sheds, access roads, utility substations as part of a microgrid, and for other related purposes on St. Croix

Bill No. [35-0374](#) An Act approving the conveyance of Parcel No. 201 Submarine Base, No. 6 Southside Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands from the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Public Broadcasting System

- Bill No. [35-0383](#)** An Act approving the lease agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and St. Croix Science Teachers' Association, Inc., for Parcel No. 10-P VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0384](#)** An Act approving Amendment No. 1 to the Lease Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority to amend the premises by replacing the parcel of land described as a portion of Parcel No. 10-B VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, with Parcel No. 10-M VICORP Land, King Quarter, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- Bill No. [35-0031](#)** An Act amending Title 5, Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, by adding a new chapter 301A, creating the Child Victims' and Child Witnesses' Rights Act and repealing chapter 301, subchapter IV, section 3510
- Bill No. [35-0257](#)** An Act to develop and produce an annual U.S. Virgin Islands Beer, Wine, and Spirits Festival
- Bill No. [35-0283](#)** An Act amending title 19 Virgin Islands Code, part III, chapter 34, the Virgin Islands Cannabis Use Act
- Bill No. [35-0285](#)** An Act honoring and commending Bryan "Benny-Demus" Boulai for his outstanding achievements in the music and entertainment industries and for his contributions to the Virgin Islands community, awarding him The Official Key to the Virgin Islands
- Bill No. [35-0286](#)** An Act honoring and commending Verne Antonio Hodge for his years of dedicated service to the people of the Virgin Islands and its jurisprudence by renaming the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas/St. John, the "Judge Verne A. Hodge Superior Court of the Virgin Islands"
- Bill No. [35-0289](#)** An Act amending title 27 of the Virgin Islands Code by raising the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years of age
- Bill No. [35-0340](#)** An Act renewing and extending the state of emergency in the Virgin Islands based on the power and energy crisis for an additional 60 days from September 20, 2024, through November 19, 2024
- Bill No. [35-0388](#)** An Act to amend various sections of title 5 Virgin Islands Code
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**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 17, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 18, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

**CHAIR: SENATOR CARLA J. JOSEPH
VICE CHAIR: SENATOR JAVAN E. JAMES, SR.**

**Committee on Government Operations,
Veterans Affairs and Consumer Protection
10:00 A.M.
Earle B. Ottery Legislative Hall**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive testimony and consider the following legislative measures:

BLOCK I

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Bill No. [35-0316](#) An Act honoring and commending Mrs. Juel Turnbull Rhymer-Molloy for years of dedicated service and numerous contributions to the people of the Virgin Islands.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Sedonie Halbert, Resident

Ms. Joanne Berry, Resident

Honorable James A. O'Bryan, Former Senator

Mr. Whitman Browne, Resident

BLOCK II

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Bill No. [35-0253](#) An Act honoring and commending police officers for the service they provide to the community and to recognize fallen law enforcement officers posthumously.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Mario Brooks, Acting Commissioner, Virgin Islands Police Department

Mr. Steven Phillip, Chief of Police, Virgin Islands Police Department STT/STJ District

Mr. Sean Santos, Chief of Police, Virgin Islands Police Department STX District

LUNCH

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

BLOCK III

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs including but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current department challenges, and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Nathalie H. Hodge, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 23, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 24, 2024**

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

**Committee on Rules and Judiciary
9:30 A.M.
Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room**

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2024**

CONSTITUENT MEETINGS AND OFFICE WORK

Reserved
