



SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.
36TH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

REVISED

Memorandum No. 25-0024

To: Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Members
The Honorable Marvin A. Blyden, Vice-Chairman
The Honorable Dwayne M. DeGraff
The Honorable Ray Fonseca
The Honorable Hubert L. Frederick
The Honorable Marise C. James
The Honorable Kurt A. Violet

From: The Honorable Novelle E. Francis, Jr. 
Chairman, Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance

Date: June 4, 2025

Re: June 12, 2025 Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance Meeting

The Committee on Budget, Appropriations and Finance will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:00 A.M. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room on St. Croix to receive testimony on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Invited Testifier:

Mrs. Joann A. Murphy, Chairperson, VI Career & Technical Board

Block II

The Committee will also receive testimony on the following bills:

Bill No. 36-0025 An Act appropriating \$90,000 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Virgin Islands Department of Human Services to purchase all-in-one mobile health, wellness, and personal safety devices for Virgin Islands senior citizens and other vulnerable residents, and pay the annual service associated with maintenance of the devices *Sponsored by Senator Ray Fonseca*

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Averil E. George, Commissioner, VI Department of Human Services

Mr. Barry Broome, President, ADT

Mrs. Esther Merla Phillips, Resident

Bill No. 36-0042 An Act amending title 33 Virgin Islands Code subtitle 3, chapter 118, section 3411 to increase the maximum judgement amount for the award of damages against the Government of the Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Alma Francis Heyliger*

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Gordon C. Rhea, Esq. Attorney General, VI Department of Justice

Bill No. 36-0076 An Act repealing title 25 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 17, section 501 and amending title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21 by adding an article XVII relating to cruise ship gaming in the territorial waters of the Virgin Islands *Sponsored by Senator Marise C. James*

Invited Testifiers:

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

Marvin L. Pickering, Chairman, VI Casino Control Commission

Mr. Carlton Dowe, Director, VI Port Authority

Akeel St. Jean, Esq., President, St. Croix Chamber of Commerce

John Woods, President, St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce