




**SENATOR NOVELLE E. FRANCIS, JR.**  
**36<sup>TH</sup> 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

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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