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and Consumer Protection

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Committee on Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure, and Planning
Committee on Housing, Transportation, and Telecommunications

Memorandum: 23-008

TO: Members of the Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, & Consumer Protection
The Hon. Javan E. James, Sr., Vice-Chair
The Hon. Samuel Carrion
The Hon. Ray Fonseca
The Hon. Alma Francis Heyliger
The Hon. Kenneth L. Gittens
The Hon. Milton E. Potter

FROM: Carla J. Joseph 
Chair
Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, & Consumer Protection

DATE: March 10, 2023

RE: **Agenda-Comm. on GOVACP meeting- Monday, March 20, 2023**

The Committee on Government Operations, Veterans Affairs, and Consumer Protection has scheduled a meeting for **9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz legislative Conference Room, St. Croix.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive and consider the following legislative measure:

- Bill No. [35-0010](#) - An Act honoring and commending Mr. Aloy “Wenty” Nielsen for his years of service to the Virgin Islands community and naming the Christiansted Bypass in his honor; making a \$10,000 appropriation from the General Fund for signage at Aloy Nielsen Bypass and for other related purposed. This bill is sponsored by Senators Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Kenneth L. Gittens, and Angel L. Bolques.

Then, the Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Office on Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, and the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission.

BLOCK I**9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

The Committee will receive testimony concerning Bill No. 35-0010, An Act honoring and commending Mr. Aloy “Wenty” Nielsen for his years of service to the Virgin Islands community and naming the Christiansted Bypass in his honor; making a \$10,000 appropriation from the General Fund for signage at Aloy Nielsen Bypass and for other related purposes. This bill is sponsored by Sens. Novelle E. Francis, Jr., Kenneth L. Gittens, and Angel L. Bolques.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Robert Moorehead
Resident

Rick Nielson
Resident

Wystan Benjamin
Resident

John Paul David
Resident

Daryl Smalls, *Executive Director Territorial Hospital Redevelopment Team*
Government Hospitals and Health Facilities Corporation

BLOCK II**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Office of Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifiers:

Mr. Patrick Farrell, *Director*
Virgin Islands Veterans Affairs

Mr. Joel Giff, *Veteran*
United States Army

LUNCH**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM****BLOCK III****1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

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

Invited Testifier:

Honorable Richard T. Evangelista, Esq., *Commissioner*
Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs

BLOCK IV**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

The Committee will receive testimony on the operations of the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission to include but not limited to enabling law and jurisdiction, current agency challenges and plan of action to resolve challenges.

Invited Testifiers:

Ms. Vernice Gumbs, *Executive Director*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission

Ms. Loretta Lloyd, *Chair*
Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission Board

CC: All Senators
All Chiefs of Staff
All Divisions
Public Affairs
Media